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All Have a Story Today

- experiences varied and different

Live in a society questioning

- role
- design of God
- viewing truth as relative to experiences

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1. Give Honor Clear

a) God's Design clear

- created male and female (Gen 1-2)
- designed marriage (Gen. 2:24)

“²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

- instructions to parents
 - Proverbs 31, Proverbs 1:7-9

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- family and it's function (Deut 6:6-7)

“⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

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b) God's Instruction Clear

- honor them and their role
- Exd. 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

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- Eph. 6:1-3 *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”*
- clear tie to life outcomes

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2. Get Honest

a) Live in a broken world

- Gen. 3 - changed everything

b) Ways I see that affecting today

- disappointment in a parent
- feelings of failure as a parent
- desire for biological children
- broken models and expectations make this day hard

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c) Celebrate the Great things

- focus on the positive
- be someone who practices gratitude
- allow God to renew your perspective
- honest reflections allows for real appreciation and honoring
- find ways to encourage and build up

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3. Go To God

a) all about redeeming

- psalm 103:1-5 *“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*

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- Romans 8:28 *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good”*

- your story for God’s Glory

b) Able to Grant.....

- Forgiveness - 1 John 1:8-9 *“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

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b) healing

- emotional, relational, physical

- Luke 9:11 *“¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.”*

c) wisdom

- James 1:5 *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him”*

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- strength - Hebrews 13:20-21 “²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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4. Going Forward Challenge

a) see role as a source of blessing

- with all those who experience your love

b) do the 'one another's' in this role

- encourage, build up, forgive, equip....

c) pass on a love for scripture and God's way

- 2 Tim 3:15 “¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

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So What

1. God's design and Instruction clear
 - honor that role in your life
2. Be Honest
 - how has a broken world marked you
3. Go to God
 - your story for God's glory
4. Go Forward
 - honor today, encourage going forward