



## Part 3

### *His Ways for Family*

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**ICEBREAKER:** If your family now or your family of origin was a family on TV or in the movies, what family would it be? (ie- Little house on the Prairie, The Adams Family, The Simpsons, The Kardashians, Modern Family, Last Man Standing, The Walking Dead, Alaskan Bush People, Full House, Duck Dynasty, etc)

### **MAIN POINT:**

**God's Thoughts and Ways  
Are for you to Love, Submit, and Obey**

### **EXPLORATION:**

1. **Read Isaiah 55: 8-9. What do you think this passage means? How do you think this key verse relates to you and your family? It's structure? How you operate as a family?**

*(Context Clues- The word "ways" means really everything about what you do. The word "thoughts" means really everything about what you think .*

**דֶּרֶךְ** [*derek /deh·rek/*]way, toward, journey, manner, direction, habit, course of life, moral character. **What You Do**

**מַחְשָׁבָה** [*machashabah*, makh·ash·aw·baw/] thought, device, purpose, work, imaginations, plan. **What You Think**  
*Discuss how thoughts and ways are related.)*

2. **Read Ephesians 5:21-6:4. According to this passage what are God's thoughts and ways for a biblical family? How should this be played out in your family?**  
*(Context Clues- Husband should love and sacrifice for their wives, Wives should submit to and respect their husbands, and Children should obey and honor their parents.)*
3. **Read Ephesians 5:1-2, Ephesians 5:21, and Ephesians 5:8. Discuss how the specific roles for husbands, wives, and children actually relate to every person in the family and the family of God. How does this relate to the main point of this lesson?**

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**APPLICATION:**

1. **How well do you love, submit, and obey at home? At work? In your walk with the Lord? If these three commands seem burdensome, uncool, impractical, or overly sacrificial, then what is the alternative? Which way has a better result?**
2. **Read I Corinthians 13:4-8. Describe what real love is like. How well do you love at home? At work? At church? In your relationships?**
3. **Pray for the series Above and Beyond. Pray that as a church we would seek God's thoughts and ways for our families and not settle for our own thoughts and ways.**