



I. REVIEW/INTRO

- A. Broken systems
- B. All of this leads to broken people

Psalm 34:18 (NIRV) The Lord is close to those whose hearts have been broken. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

II. WE NEED SYSTEMS IN PLACE

- A. We really don't think about systems until they break down
- B. Of all the "broken" things, the greatest casualty is the family
 - God and His word are the final authority and the absolute standard of truth
 - Our feelings, this society and culture are not safe guides
- C. Something that God created *wasn't* good

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV) And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

- God knew it wasn't good for Adam to be alone, but Adam needed to know it wasn't good for him to be alone as well

Genesis 2:21-25 (NKJV) ²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

III. FAMILY SYSTEMS

- A. God wants to help you build your home

Psalm 127:1-2 (TLB) Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders' work is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, sentries do no good. ² It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; ⁴ by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (TLB) ³⁻⁴ Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.



B. Systems

- A system of fun or an outlet for recreation
- Communication system

James 1:19 (NLT) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

- System of learning skills that prepare for life

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NKJV) For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

- Teach an attitude along with work
- Chores teach how to handle money

Proverbs 22:7 (MSG) The poor are always ruled over by the rich, so don't borrow and put yourself under their power.

- A system of serving and generosity
- A system of discipline

Proverbs 13:24 (NLT) Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

IV. A SYSTEM OF BUILDING FAITH

A. Building a solid family

Psalm 11:3 (NKJV) If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

B. Faith in the home

Genesis 18:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

C. If you don't, who will?

- What is it that would step into that void? What would that look like?