

“The Genesis of Love: Secret of the Rock Pile”

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□ The Promise

- Genesis 12:1-3
- There are times when you have to make the radical cut with even your own _____.
- “But never mind”—God promises—“_____ Me, and I will bless you.”
- *Patriarchs and Prophets*: “It was no light test that was thus brought upon Abraham, no small sacrifice that was required of him. There were strong ties to bind him to his country, his kindred, and his home. But he did not hesitate to obey the call. He had no question to ask concerning the land of promise—whether the soil was fertile and the climate healthful; whether the country afforded agreeable surroundings and would afford opportunities for amassing wealth. God has spoken, and His servant must _____; the _____ place on earth for him was the place where God would have him to be.” (126)

□ The Practice

- Genesis 12:4-13:18
- And what are these rock piles? They are the altars of _____.
- *Patriarchs and Prophets*: “Abraham, ‘the friend of God,’ set us a worthy example. His was a life of _____. Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was set up his altar, calling all within his encampment to the morning and evening sacrifice [_____]. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. In following years, there were those among the roving Canaanites who received instruction from Abraham; and whenever one of these came to that altar, he knew who had been there before him; and when he had pitched his tent, he repaired the altar, and there worshiped the living God.” (128)
- Donna Habenicht: “During the first three to four years young children are much more _____ than thinking creatures. Feelings are always front and center for them. They experience life through their emotions. . . . Such feelings develop into attitudes—attitudes toward God, prayer, worship, and church. Young children sense our own feelings and attitudes and ‘catch’ religion from the home and the church. When you look forward to going to church and joyfully participate in the services, your child will sense your joy and feel happy too. A _____ family worship that requires Junior to sit still for a long time listening to things he doesn’t understand will probably produce negative feelings that will develop into negative _____ toward the whole idea of family worship.” (*How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus* 48, 49)
 - Family worship needs to be _____ and _____.
 - I.e., one or two energetic _____ from Sabbath School, a short _____ from a child’s Bible book (like *My Bible Friends*) (*not a video*), and _____ together.
 - Not 30 long, boring minutes—but _____ energetic happy minutes.
 - *The Adventist Home*: “As soon as the little ones are intelligent to understand, parents should tell them the story of Jesus that they may drink in the precious truth concerning the Babe of Bethlehem. Impress upon the children’s minds sentiments of simple [spirituality] that are adapted to their years and ability. Bring your children in prayer to Jesus, for He has made it possible for them to learn religion as they learn to frame the words of the language.” (320-321)
 - Family worship is the one _____ commitment that lies at the heart of a family’s spiritual success or failure.
- Mirah Riben: “In a world of rights and entitlements, many just feel everything is owed or ‘due’ them. They got everything they got because they ‘deserve’ it, so no need to thank anyone. . . . Is the loss of common courtesy the tip of the iceberg, a symptom of a far greater loss of humanity? At what point have a great many decided life is more expedient if we eliminate simple acts of respect?” (<http://www.opednews.com/articles/The-Death-of-Common-Courte-by-Mirah-Riben-091231-143.html>)
- *Patriarchs and Prophets*: “Here the noble, unselfish spirit of Abraham was displayed. How many under similar circumstances would, at all hazards, cling to their individual rights and preferences! How many households have thus been rent asunder!” (132)
- Matthew 6:33—“Seek _____ the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

If you make God first, He will make it last.

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"GENESIS OF LOVE"

CONNECT CARD

Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.

Change in contact information

May 19, 2012

Name: _____

Email: _____

1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest Regular Attender Member

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone: (____) _____

YOUR AGE GROUP:

- Junior High School
- Collegiate 20s
- 30s 40s
- 50s 60s
- 70s and up

If guest, how did you hear about PMC? _____
(Flyer, TV, Google search, name of person who invited you, etc.)

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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I would like to make seeking God daily the first priority of my household.
- I choose to build a family altar in my home.
- I would like a family worship brochure to help me lead my children to Christ (I have included my mailing address on this card).

I'M INTERESTED IN:

- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Information on baptism
- Information on church membership
- Serving on a team @ PMC
- Receiving Bible studies

Comments, Prayer Requests: _____

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