



God Bless this Home

**What would “God blessing your home” look like to you?**

**Three basic emotional needs of children from their family:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**12 Ingredients Common to Strong Families:**

1. Strong, supportive, and honest communication of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Significant quantity \_\_\_\_\_ (meals, play, chores)
3. Shared \_\_\_\_\_ practices -- at home and at church.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ on key values.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and mutual \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Common \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Positively negotiating \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ to staying together.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ about the stability of their family.
10. A firm coalition \_\_\_\_\_ dealing with children.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ of personal interest for the good of the family.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ that earns the trust of the family members.

Source: George Barna - *The Future of the American Family*

**Our Family’s Spiritual Declaration**

We will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Joshua 24:14-15, p. 197*)

We will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ each other to the end.

(*1 Cor. 15:58, p. 960*)

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_. (*Gen 22:17-18, p. 17*)

**LifeGroup Questions:**

1. What would best describe your family growing up?
2. How would you summarize your parent's priorities when you were growing up? Were you aware of their faith and convictions?
3. What was the most positive contribution your mom made to your growing up? Dad? Grandparents?
4. If you could change something in your upbringing, what would that be?
5. What spiritual principles would you like to be remembered for? How do others, in your family and outside of it, know of this conviction in your life?

Read Joshua 24:14-27

6. Why do you think Joshua repeats the command over and over again about ridding themselves of the gods? What "other gods" have been in your life that you still need to rid yourself of?
7. Reread v. 25-27. Make a list of the actions Joshua takes to help the people remember their commitment to God. What do you see as the significance of each of these actions?
8. How could you help our families in the church strengthen their love for each other and their love for God?

Prayer: Pray for God to grant us wisdom and strength to guard, guide, and serve our church families.