

Message from Brother Isaac

Be Fruitful and Multiply

God's purpose for mankind was that the globe would be filled with joy as family units would produce life in the image of God, bringing order and blessing throughout the earth. Marriage would be filled with love, faithfulness, and would multiply into future families filled with the same.

This blessing and mandate is imitation of the greater reality of God, the creator and multiplier of natural and spiritual life.

Since marriage, family, and children bring glory to God, Satan therefore seeks to destroy life. We should expect:

- 1) Conflict, both external and internal
- 2) God's victory through sustaining, keeping, and blessing family.

External Opposition

- Lie - Family is a Curse
- Truth - Family is a Blessing

- Lie - Nuclear Family is Idolized by Christians
- Truth - Family is central to God's social and societal purposes.
 - We should never marginalize those whom God has not given the gift of marriage.

- Lie - Definition of family is malleable

- Truth - God's prescription is clear - One man, one woman, committed for life

- Lie - Sexuality is a curse
- Truth - Sexuality is a blessing to be freely given, neither by manipulation nor by self-centeredness.

- Lie - Sexuality belongs to you. You are free to use it however you wish.
- Truth - Sexuality belongs to God.
 - It is a gift to be enjoyed.
 - It is a gift for the production of children.

- Lie - Children are a curse.
- Truth - Children are a blessing.
 - Every marriage should desire children.
 - Children must be reared in nurture and admonition of the Lord
 - There is no holy number of children. Every marriage is unique and must honor the Lord with wisdom.

Internal Opposition - Our Inherent Sinfulness

Jesus Christ has redeemed our souls and our marriages. We must work to battle conflict in marriage, through acknowledging our own sins, repenting of those sins, and forgiving sins of our spouse.