

## We Both Brought Our Baggage

*(Weirdness runs in my family, but it won't camp-out in ours)*  
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"The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." (Prov 20:7)

"As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and *his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD* his God, as the heart of David his father had been." (1 Ki 11:1)

### 3 Things Solid Families Provide

They provide **security**.

They provide **unconditional love**.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Eph 6:4)

They provide **a changeless core**.

"Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost." (Pro 22:6, Msg)

### Why is Family so hard?

You can't **fix** them.

You can't **fire** them.

"You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean

nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead." (2 Sam 18)

You can't **free yourself from** them.

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, **punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me**, but showing love to a thousand *generations* of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exo 20:1-6)

### We Are Raising a Generation

Who are **love-starved**.

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Heb 13:4)

With a shallow sense **of self**.

Without the **3 affirmations**.

### The 3 Things I Must Know Before I Can Relate

"As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: '**You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.**' At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him." (Mark 1:10-14 NIV)

I must know **whose I am**.

I must know **what I have**.

I must know **what I can do**.