

Sunday, June 16, 2024 Father's Day Sermon
"Mighty Ones - Builders of the Family Name" by Pastor Becky

Intro:

Psalm 29:1 "Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones..."

"mighty" in the Hebrew "a son as the builder of the family name" "to build a house, establish a family"

He is charging us to raise high the banner and standard of the Lord!

A. What are our banners?

In the Old Testament the armies, the tribes and the families would raise up their banner wherever they were, which would signify to everyone what tribe they were from and what their family name was, whose they were!

Numbers 1:52; Numbers 2:3, 10; Numbers 2:2, 34; Isaiah 11:10 Exodus 17:15 Jehovah Nisi

B. What does it take to build your family name?

God! His Word! His Spirit! His standards!

Every man and every woman have inherited this longing for a good family name from God our Father!

The enemy of our soul wants our families to be broken and hurting. He will do anything he can to try and destroy our families! He is roaming about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour! *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

How does the devil do this? He is the accuser and the father of lies. He uses accusations and lies to divide our family! But God is greater than anything the devil can try to throw at us!

Beginning to build a family name must begin with the leaders of the family – Dad and Mom! Dad and Mom how you live will impact your entire family and how they live!

Book by John Eldredge called, "Wild at Heart."

Women have, forever, tried to form their man into an image that they think he ought to be. As wives, we can make or break who our husband is and is becoming. Many wives try to change their husbands into what they think they want...

"Could it be, ladies, that your husband is currently a reflection of who you have allowed him to become"

C. A Man's Heart

Did you know that Adam was created outside of the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:7-8

In *Genesis 2:22* we see that after God placed Adam in the garden, then He caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, God took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a woman. After God created the woman, He brought her to Adam. Adam was created in the wilderness and Eve was created in the garden!

I would like to suggest that at the very core of a man's heart it is undomesticated and that is good!

The word *domesticated* means to *"to convert to domestic uses; to tame – no longer wild; to take for one's own use or purposes"*

Within the heart of a woman is the beauty of the Garden of Eden, the place where our God created her.

Even in the church we wonder why more men aren't into spiritual warfare and aren't covering their families as the spiritual leader and warrior that God has called them to be – *have we pressured them to just become soft? Are they praised only for being "really nice guys?"*

Many women have emasculated their men by things they say and do, sometimes without even realizing they are doing it. And because of this our man's heart has sought a remote place to look for cover – like a wounded animal in a cave.

To *emasculate* means not only to *"castrate, but to deprive of strength or vigor, to weaken, to effeminate"*

Castrate means *"to remove the testes of, to render impotent, unable to reproduce, to deprive of strength and power"*
Effeminate means *"having traits, tastes, habits traditionally considered feminine, characterized by excessive softness and delicacy"*

What is a husband's heart like? It is a heart that was created in the wild, outside of the garden, in the wilderness of God. It is a heart that is designed after the heart of God – the heart of a warrior, an adventurer, a heart of one who is willing to fight for his wife – his beauty, his family and foremost for God! He will lay his life down for them.

It is also a heart that carries compassion, as Jesus did, your man is one who will take the risk, he is a trail blazer, one who will reach for the highest goal... one who, even if he is afraid, says with my God I can do all things, no enemy can stand before me.

Your man carries the heart of a conqueror, knowing even if he fails, he will rise up and go again!

This heart, when it is pressured to be soft, will either comply or hide and it may go to ungodly places looking for the answer – in addictions, in pornography, in abusive ways, alcohol, drugs, etc...

There is something built into a woman that she carries, and it is a domestic beauty. When she feels her family name is tarnished or carries ungodly things, it cuts to the very core of her beauty and her love for her family.

There is also something built into the very nature of a man that he carries for his family name, and it is a fierceness that at any price he will carry the banner and standard of his family high.

For both the man and the woman, the very nature of God was within them, from creation, to carry an honorable name that has integrity at its very core.

D. Building your own family name

It must begin with dad and mom! If you are a single parent, then it begins with you!

When someone builds their family name, it takes work! It begins with having a vision for what you want your family name to represent – leaving a legacy, building a heritage. *What is God saying about your family name?*

In our Scripture it says, *O you mighty ones!* It will take strength to set and build your family name!

What do you want your family name to represent? Honesty, integrity, helping others, giving to others, taking care of each other, selflessness...

I believe the purest way you catch this vision is by searching the Scriptures and seeing who Christ is! That is who your family needs to be modeled after. And that is how you will carry a Godly family name.

E. A God Given New Name

We see in the Word of God different times that God gave a person or a nation a new name. When God gives you a new name, He gives you a name that He destined for you to carry and live out!

Isaiah 62:2b – 4

New = “fresh new thing” Name = “reputation, fame, by implication honor, authority, character”

Crown of Glory = “beauty, splendor, of rank” (your identity is now one of beauty, splendor and rank in the Lord’s hand) Royal = “a realm” Diadem = “head-dress” (something worn around the head for all to see and recognize)

Revelation 2:17

Name = (Greek) “The name is used for everything which the name covers – for one’s rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds!”

Receives it = (Greek) “to take with the hand, lay hold of, to take up a thing to be carried, to make one’s own”

F. Created in His Image

There is a masculine heart and a feminine heart which, each, in their own way, reflects or portrays God’s heart. We were created in His image. God created our men to be fierce and fiercely devoted.

There is something fierce in the heart of every man for his beauty, his woman. Ladies, he needs to know he is first in your life, after God – and before your kids and grandkids.

God knew that man needed a woman. God gave Eve to Adam, saying it was not good for man to be alone. Adam had been given all the animals, but he was still alone. *Genesis 2:18, 20b, 21*

Men did you know that every woman longs to be fought for. She wants more than anything to be noticed, to be wanted, and to be pursued. She wants to know that her man will fight for her. She also wants to be his one and only beauty. She wants to know that her man will fight for her.

If a man’s beauty rejects him, the message he will receive is that he isn’t enough for her, he doesn’t have what it takes to win her and he will give up, becoming passive.

This is where many marriages are at – each one, Dad and Mom, hurting so much inside that they then hurt each other by things they say and do. This in turn lowers the family banner and standards.

G. Setting up Your Family Banner - Standards

Setting up standards for your family must begin first with Dad and Mom agreeing on the standards as God shows them what they must be.

Then sitting down with your kids, and grandkids, and sharing with them these are the changes we are making – not just to make changes, but because we have heard from God that He is giving us a new family name!

Set boundaries – determine what things are even out of bounds when having discussions... like yelling, swearing, throwing things...

Pray together with each other and with your kids!

Determine as Joshua did that as for you and your house you will serve the Lord, you will live your life with the Word of God as your guide! *Joshua 24:1*

God is calling us today to raise our banners high no matter what the devil tries to throw at us, God will deliver you!!! *Daniel 3:17-18* When the furnace feels 7 times hotter, there will be another in the fire with you, Jesus Christ Himself will deliver you!

When the devil is walking around you like a roaring lion, there will be one in the lion’s den with you that will shut the mouth of the lions! *Daniel 6:10*