

You Can't Spell Families without Lies



Series:

The Family

Portrait

Genesis ch.1-3

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Our particular focus in this series is on dysfunctional families. Here's a working definition: A dysfunctional family is one in which there has been a major breakdown in the basic relationships within the family so that the family itself no longer functions properly. 5 Symptoms Here are five symptoms of a dysfunctional family: 1. Estrangement, Family members who avoid other family members. 2. Anger, It may be expressed or repressed. 3. Lack of Trust, Seen in faulty patterns of communication. 4. Deception, Inability to speak the truth to other family members. 5. Unhealthy Secrecy, Refusal to face the truth. You may find one or more of these traits in healthy families from time to time, but dysfunctional families adopt these traits as a normal pattern of life. It may surprise you to know that, although the word is new, the concept of a dysfunctional family is not new at all. The idea itself goes back to the very beginning of time. After all, the real cause of bad functionality is the entrance of sin into the human race. Ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God, every family has been dysfunctional to one degree or another. As long as you have sin, even the best relationships will be less than perfect.

There's no such thing as a perfect family, never has been and never will be as long as sin is part of the human condition. Sin distorts everything we do and say, it colors life so that no marriage, no family, no parent-child relationship is truly perfect.

1. **Estrangement**—

Family members who avoid other family members.

2. **Anger**—It may be expressed or repressed.



3. **Lack of Trust**—
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of communication.
4. **Deception**—
Inability to speak the
truth to other family
members.
5. **Unhealthy
Secrecy**—Refusal
to face the truth.



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points all beginning with
the Word **Lies**.

1.

We **Learned**

it

from Our
Parents.

Gen. 3:7,10,12



Genesis 3:7 (KJV)

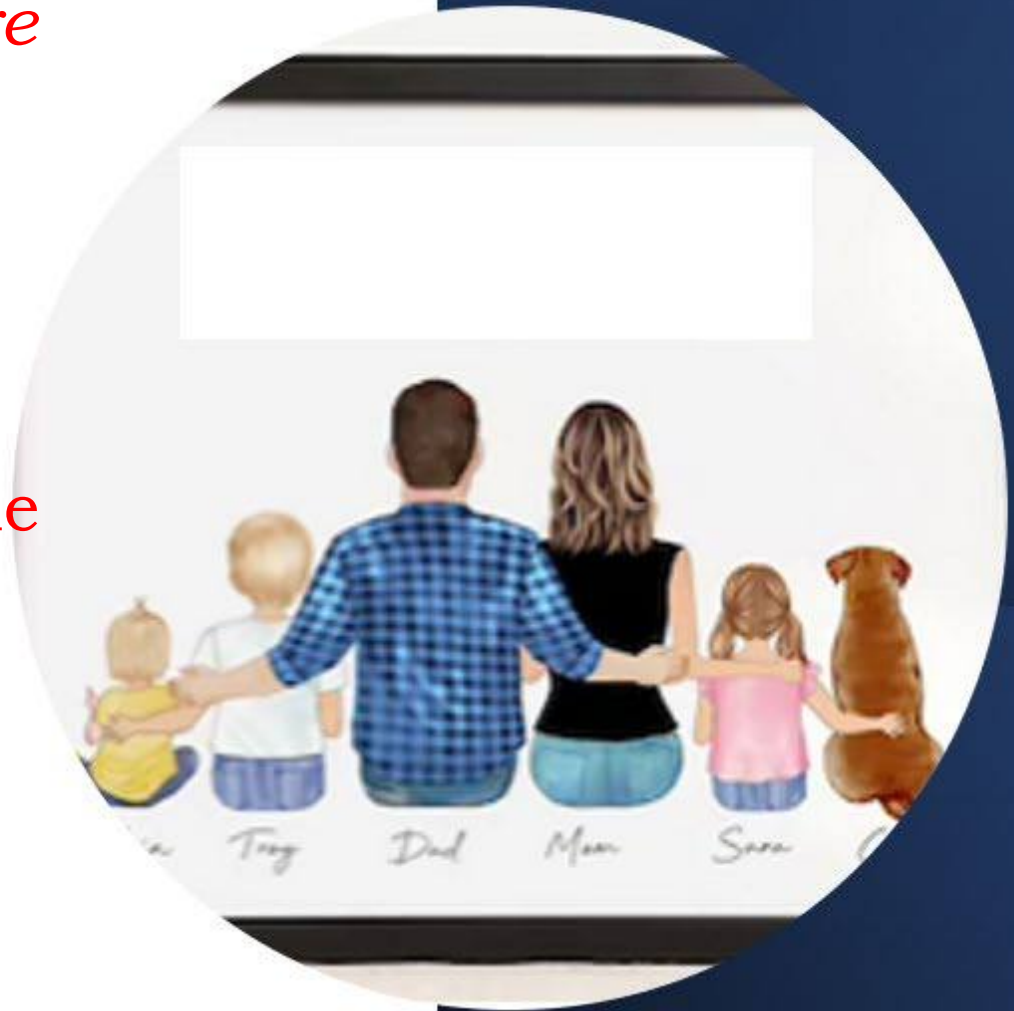
⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:12 (KJV)

¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.



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2.

Intimacy

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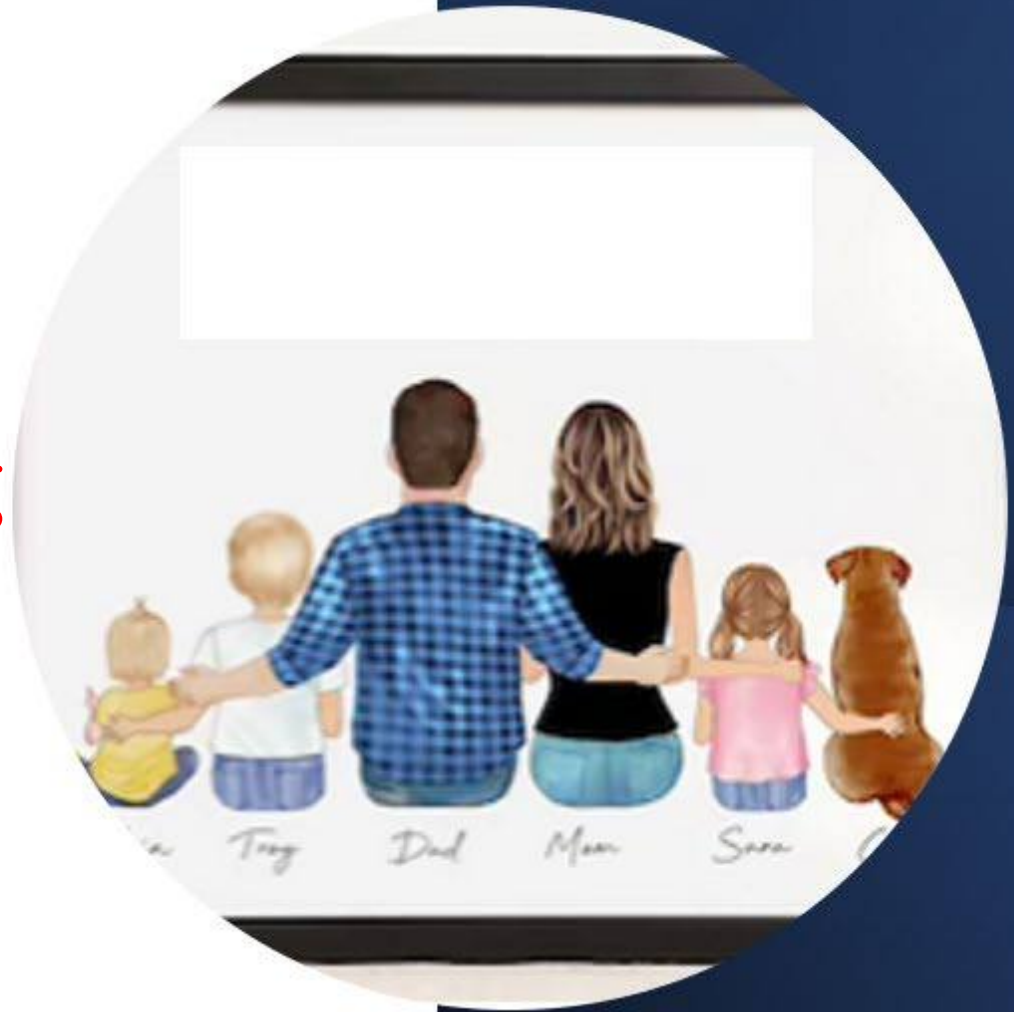
Our Greatest
Desire.

Gen. 1:24



Genesis 1:24 (KJV)

²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.



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3.

We Have To
Embrace

The Divine
Frustration.

Gen. 3:16-19



Genesis 3:16-17 (KJV)

¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

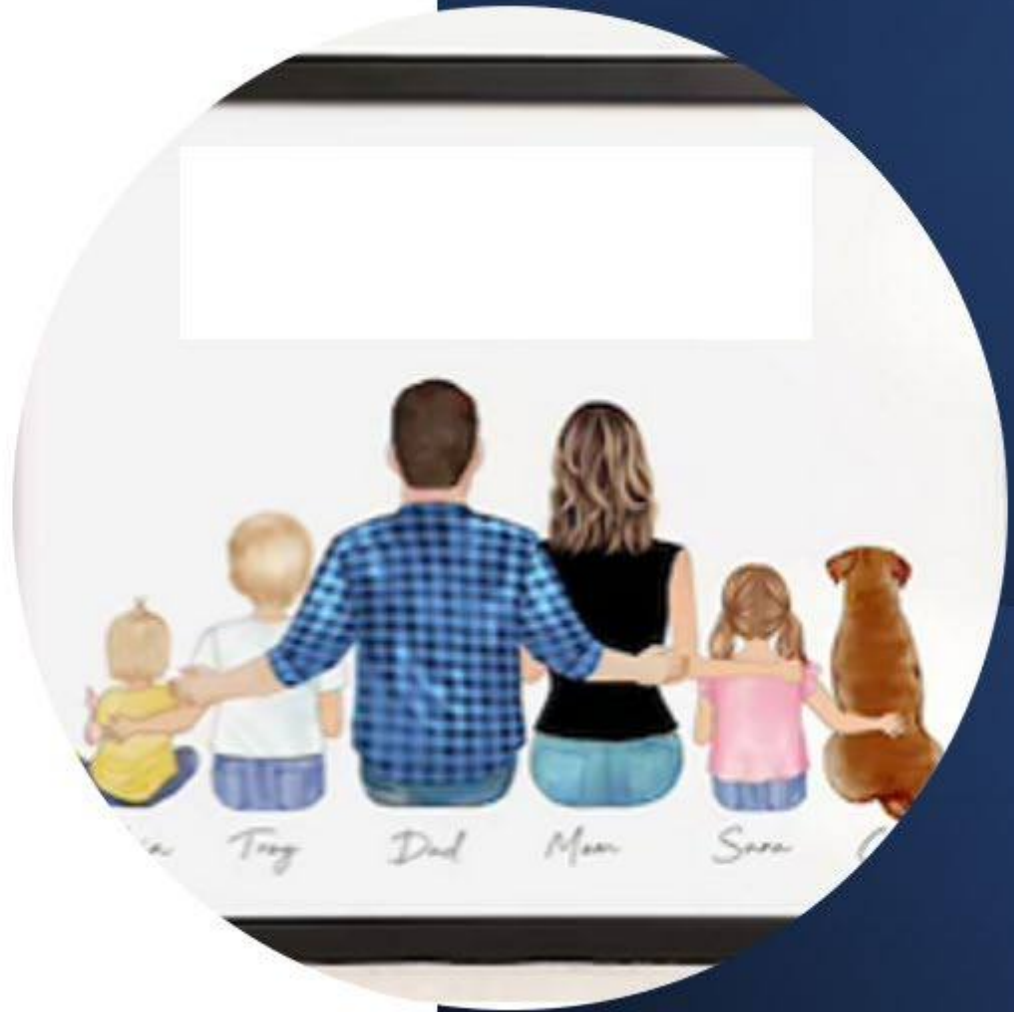
¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;



Genesis 3:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.



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4.
Safety,
Security,
Significance

**Are found in
Jesus Christ
Alone**

Gen. 3:15



Genesis 3:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

