



# God's Family

## Boundaries

### Key Scripture

Proverbs 4:3 NCV

It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong.

### Godly Boundaries

Exodus 19:12 NLT

**Mark off a boundary** all around the mountain. Warn the people, **'Be careful! Do not go up on the mountain or even touch its boundaries.** Anyone who touches the mountain will certainly be put to death.

### Moving Boundary Lines

Proverbs 22:28 NASB

**Do not move the ancient boundary.** Which your fathers have set.

- ✓ **Do not move the ancient boundary of Life.**
- ✓ **Do not move the ancient boundary of Marriage.**
- ✓ **Do not move the ancient boundary of Gender.**

### A World Without Boundaries.

1 John 2:16 NKJV

For **all that is in the world** — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but **is of the world**.

- ✓ **What do your boundaries look like?** \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ **What do you want your boundaries to look like?** \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ **Where have you placed your boundaries?** \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ **What area should you add a boundary?** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Boundary Basics...

#### 1. **Predetermine** your boundaries.

Proverbs 25:28 TLB

A man without self-control **is as defenseless as a city with broken-down walls.**

Joshua 24:15 NLT

...But **as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.**

Jeremiah 35:13-15 NLT

13 "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: Go and say to the people in Judah and Jerusalem, 'Come and learn a lesson about how to obey Me. 14 The **Recabites do not drink wine to this day because their ancestor Jehonadab told them not to.** But I have spoken to you again and again, and you refuse to obey Me.

#### 2. **Protect** your boundaries.

Nehemiah 4:13-14 NLT

13 So **I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas.** I stationed the people to **stand guard by families**, armed with swords, spears, and bows. 14 Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! **Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!**"

#### 3. **Proclaim** God's Word as a boundary over your life.

Psalms 119:11 TLB

I have thought much about Your words and stored them in my heart **so that they would hold me back from sin.**

Jeremiah 5:22 NET

"You should fear Me!" says the Lord. "You should tremble in awe before Me! **I made the sand to be a boundary for the sea, a permanent barrier** that it can never cross. Its waves may roll, but they can never prevail. **They may roar, but they can never cross beyond that boundary.**"

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