

# THE BEDROCK OF CARING - YOUR FAMILY

Caring For Humanity - Part 1 of 4

Dr. Randall Pannell

## CARING FOR HUMANITY

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you. I want to bless you - making you a great nation in numbers, in fame and in reputation; so that you shall be a blessing - in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." So Abram proceeded as the LORD had spoken to him." Genesis 12:1-4

God's Purpose for His People: \_\_\_\_\_

*Caring for Humanity not only begins with Your Family,  
but Caring for Your Family is the Bedrock for Caring for Humanity*

One of the best resources on the power of blessing is Gary Smalley & John Trent, *The Blessing*

Smalley & Trent focus their book on the importance of blessing within the family, using the family of Isaac and his sons, Jacob & Esau (Genesis 27 & 37) as their examples. Their emphasis is on what happens when children do not receive blessing or receive a flawed blessing from parents.

*When Esau heard that his father had blessed his brother Jacob and not him, he let out a loud and bitter cry. "Oh my father, what about me? Bless me, too!" he begged.* Genesis 27:34

**Then Jacob, with his son Joseph & his 11 other sons**

*Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph-- a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.* Genesis 37:3-4

Blessing as \_\_\_\_\_

## STRATEGIES for expressing high value:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - *A man has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word!* Proverbs 15:23
  - *Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather around. I want to tell you what you can expect in the days to come." **Reuben**, you're my firstborn, my strength, at the top in honor and at the top in power.*

- *Judah, your brothers will praise you. You're a lion cub, the scepter shall not leave Judah; he'll keep a firm grip on the command staff until the ultimate ruler comes and the nations obey him. **Zebulun** is a safe harbor for ships, **Dan** will handle matters of justice for his people; he will hold his own just fine among the tribes of Israel. **Asher** will become famous for rich foods, candies and sweets fit for kings. **Joseph** will hold steady under fire, his bow firm, his arms limber, with the backing of the Champion of Jacob, the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.*

Genesis 49:1-24

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (affection)

- *Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.* Mark 10:16
- *A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"* Mark 1:40-41
- Jackie Robinson & Pee Wee Reese (1947)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- *God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared for us to do.*

Eph. 2:10 (GWN)

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Eph. 2:10 (NLB)

- *John the Baptist: And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest," will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways, present the offer of salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins. Through the heartfelt mercies of our God, God's Sunrise will break in upon us, shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death, then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace. John grew up, healthy and strong in spirit, until the day he made his prophetic debut in Israel.* Luke 1:76-80

We begin to be the Blessing to Humanity that God has prepared for each of us individually, and collectively as a people, to be and to keep on becoming by conveying:

- i. Acceptance & respect
- ii. It is spoken not just felt
- iii. Conveys worth of being
- iv. Conveys belief of purpose
- v. Active commitment to this special future for our families, those closest to us, and then in concentric circles to all humanity

TIME  
PRESENCE  
RELATIONSHIP