

Raising a Godly Family

(And How Satan Seeks to Destroy It)

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Ephesians 5:18-21

Satan's attacks on family..

- Devalue divorce..
- Out of wedlock births..
- Abortion..
- Infidelity..
- Homosexuality..
- Women's rights..
- Children's rights..



Redefine
the family

Can the family be saved?

- The purpose of God..
- Blessings..
- Raising of children
- Place of intimacy
- Memories
- Foundation for life
- Place of love, stabilization..





Place where kids can build confidence

God's way of raising a family..

- Ephesians 5:18-21

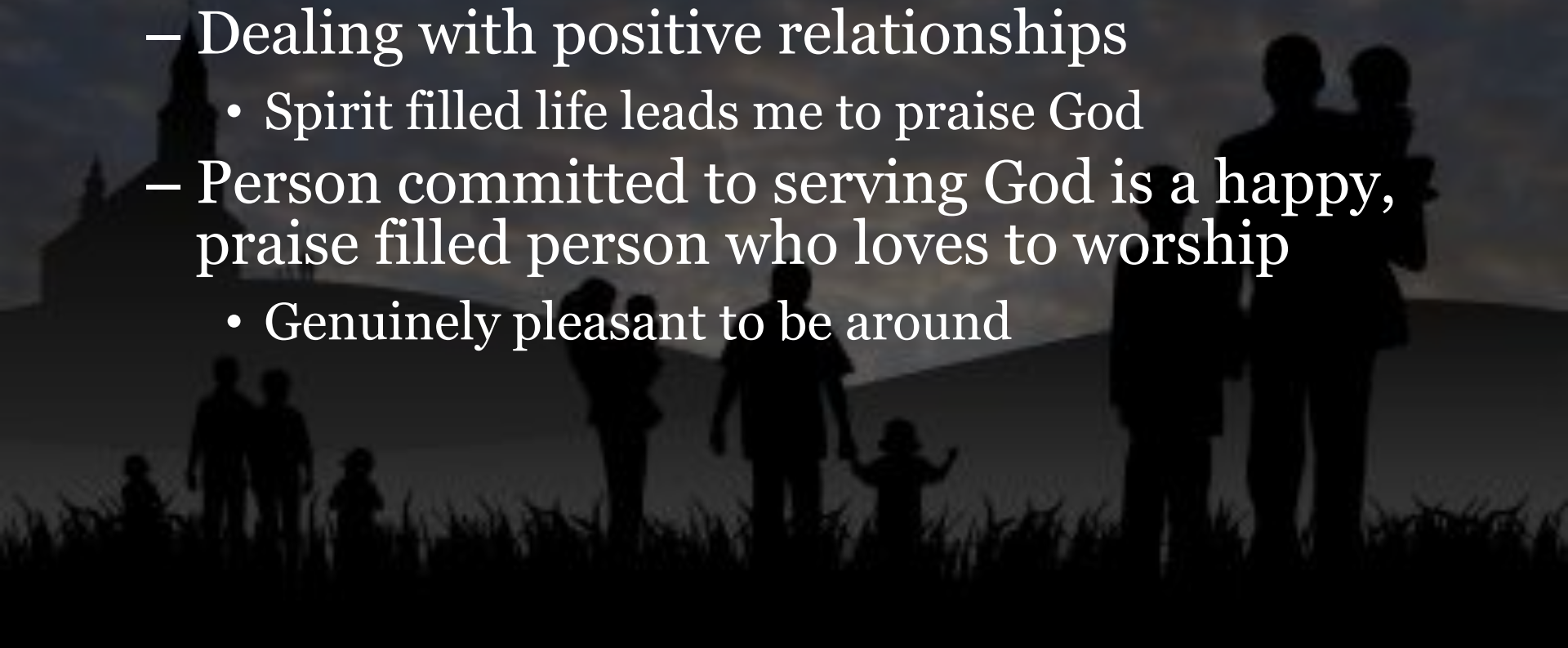
- 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
- 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
- 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

God's way of raising a family..

- Eph 5:18 – Be filled with the Spirit
 - Contrast “do not be drunk”
 - Historical context: worship of pagan gods
 - Causes excess --- you be filled with the Spirit
 - Compare parallel reference..
 - Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”
 - When word dominates life and I respond obediently
 - Be filled .. continuous

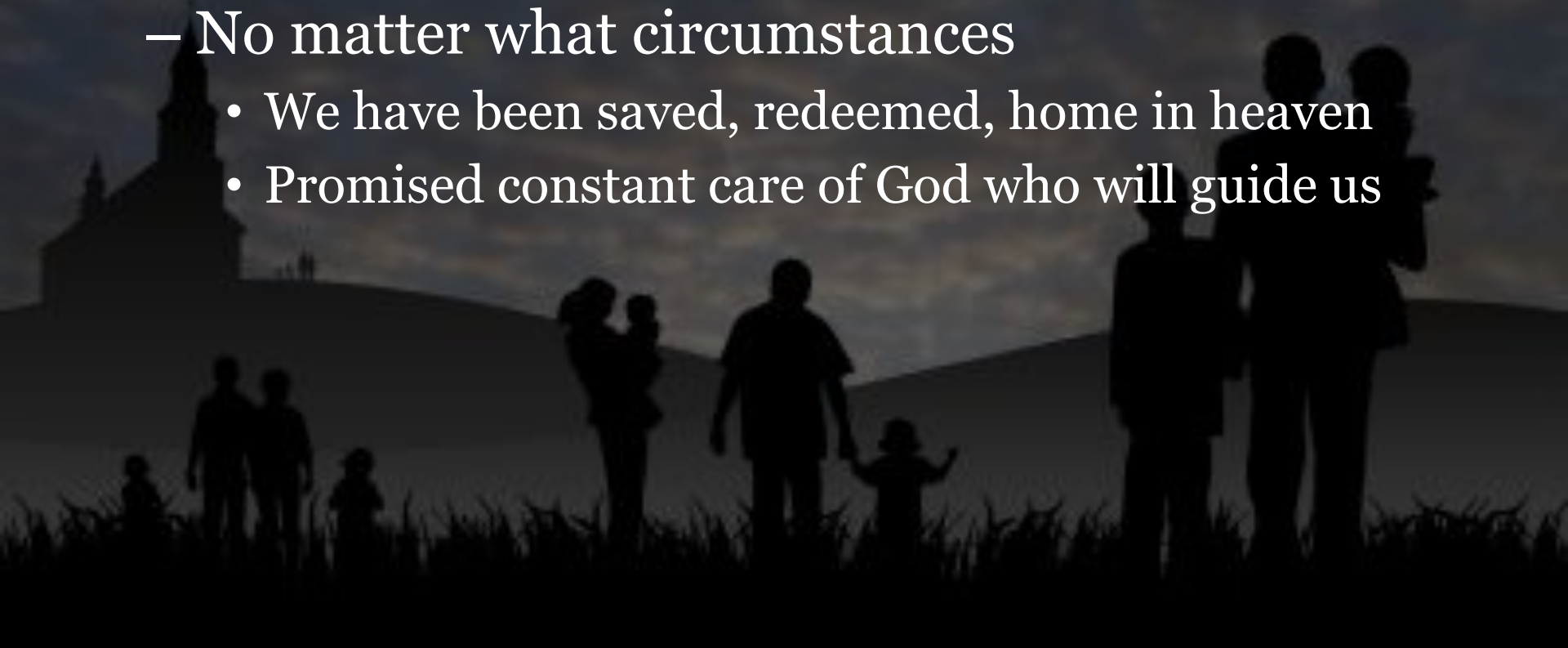
God's way of raising a family..

- Eph 5:19 – Be filled with praise
 - Speaking in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs
 - Dealing with worship, but also with life in general
 - Dealing with positive relationships
 - Spirit filled life leads me to praise God
 - Person committed to serving God is a happy, praise filled person who loves to worship
 - Genuinely pleasant to be around



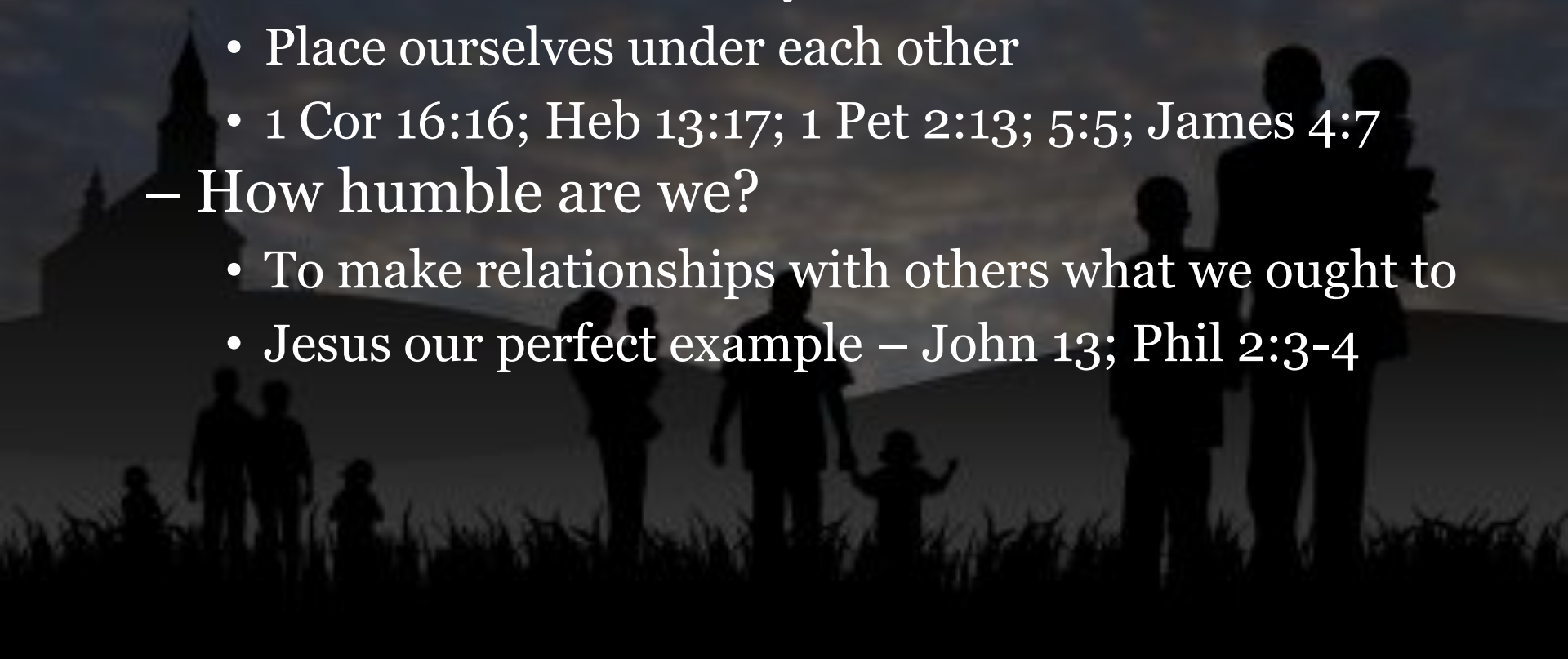
God's way of raising a family..

- Eph 5:20 – filled with thankfulness
 - Spirit filled life leads to thankfulness
 - Giving thanks to God in any circumstance
 - No matter what circumstances
 - We have been saved, redeemed, home in heaven
 - Promised constant care of God who will guide us



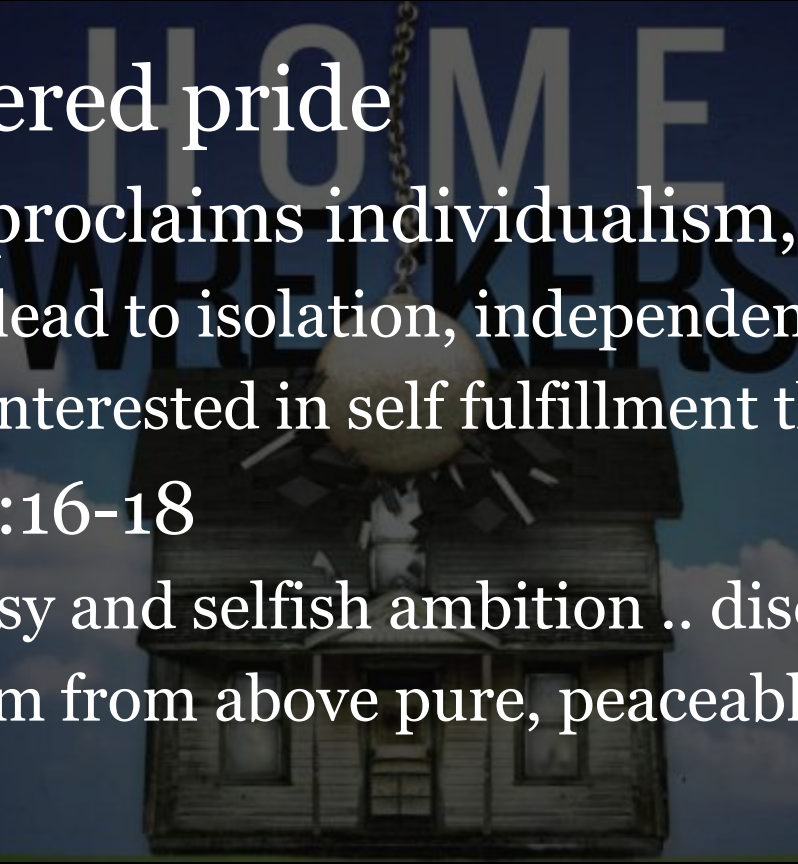
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- Eph 5:21 – life of submission
 - Submitting to one another .. reverence for Christ
 - To rank under (military term)
 - Place ourselves under each other
 - 1 Cor 16:16; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 2:13; 5:5; James 4:7
 - How humble are we?
 - To make relationships with others what we ought to
 - Jesus our perfect example – John 13; Phil 2:3-4



Satan attacks these principles..

- Self centered pride
 - Society proclaims individualism, rights
 - These lead to isolation, independence, loneliness
 - More interested in self fulfillment than giving
 - James 3:16-18
 - Jealousy and selfish ambition .. disorder, evil
 - Wisdom from above pure, peaceable, gentle

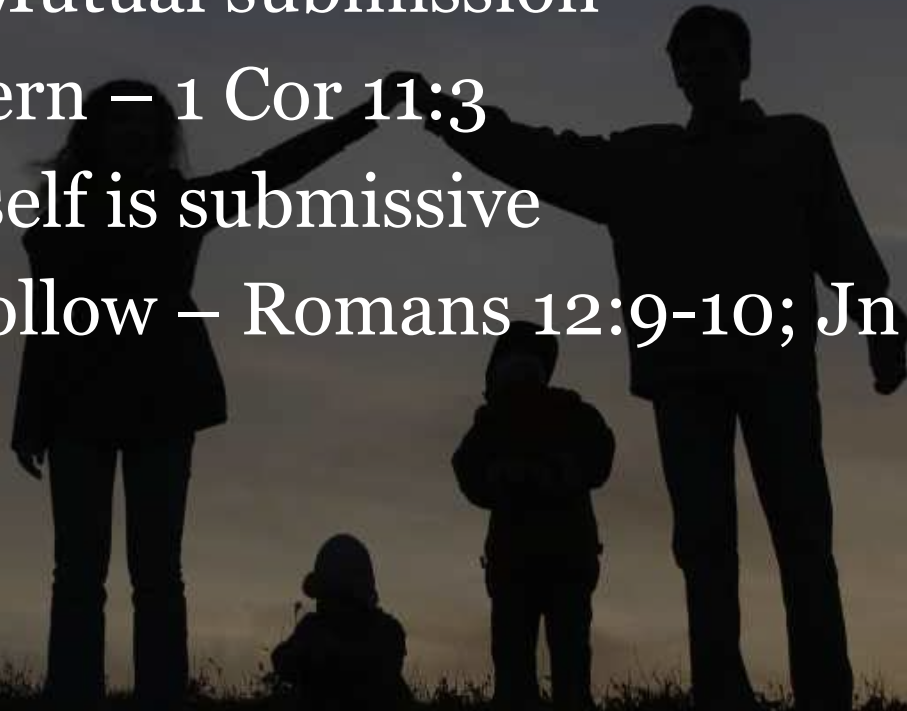


Satan attacks these principles..

- Human philosophies
 - 2 Cor 10:3-5 human wisdom against God
 - Our weapons mighty to destroy strongholds
 - Taking every thought captive to obedience of Christ
 - Human wisdom raised against God today
 - Humanism, sexual freedom, divorce, me-first
 - Enters our homes through media, schools, music
 - People self centered, without joy, godless

Will we follow Jesus?

- Will we lead a life of submission?
 - Eph 5:21 Mutual submission
 - God's pattern – 1 Cor 11:3
 - Jesus himself is submissive
 - We must follow – Romans 12:9-10; Jn 13:34



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The background of the slide features a silhouette of a family and a church against a sunset sky. The family consists of a man, a woman, and several children of various ages, some holding hands. To the left, a church with a prominent steeple is visible. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

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