JOSHUA 24:15B

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Sounds simple, huh?

### NEHEMIAH 4:14

"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people,

'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'"

## THY KINGDOM COME: LORD OF MY HOME

Eph. 5:21-27; 6:1-4

#### THE CHRISTIAN HOME: A MINI CHURCH

Husbands and wives embracing their God-given roles

21 – Mutual submission sets the tone

22 – 24 Husbands step us as spiritual leaders in the home. Wives willingly line up under his spiritual leadership

### "the husband IS the head of the wife AS Christ is head of the Church."

The Christian home is to be modeled after the picture of Christ and the Church

25-27 Husbands love their wives just as Christ loves the Church (sacrificially, supremely, unconditionally, abounding in mercy, grace and forgiveness, etc.)

**Parents:** Parent your children. Reject the nonsense of being their best friend. Save that for when they become adults. Expect obedience

**Kids still living in the home:** Obey your parents and give them the honor they are due. (Consider Jesus, Luke 2:41-52)

**Dads:** Don't overwhelm kids with impossible burdens

"instead, bring (your children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Deut. 6:4-9

Parents first consecrate themselves to God and submit to His word.

THEN

Impress it on the children.

Talk about God's word regularly as a family.

Have Scripture front and center in life.

Be the primary source of your kids' Christian ed.

# Also essential in a home that seeks first the Kingdom:

### CONSECRATION

• 1 Sam. 1:21-28

### COMPASSIONATE, LOVING CARE

• Psalm 103:13

• Prov. 31:10-31

### DISCIPLINE

• Heb. 12:7-11