

## Our Imperfect Family - *Real vs. Ideal*

### Areas of Agreement

You can't C\_\_\_\_\_ your family.

Choose

You are S\_\_\_\_\_ than your family.

Smarter

Clear I\_\_\_\_\_, but no great E\_\_\_\_\_.

Instructions, Examples

R\_\_\_\_\_ approach.

Revolutionary

Brought women and kids D\_\_\_\_\_ & V\_\_\_\_\_.

Dignity, Value

Jesus B\_\_\_\_\_ life into C\_\_\_\_\_.

Breathed, Culture

**Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

*"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise.*

**Ephesians 6:1,2**

**Wives**, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

**Husbands**, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

**Colossians 3:18,19**

**Parents**, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits.

**Colossians 3:21**

*Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.*

**I Peter 3:7**

There's R\_\_\_\_\_ and there's I\_\_\_\_\_, and there's a G\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus pointed toward the I\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_.

Did not C\_\_\_\_\_ when people F\_\_\_\_\_.

S\_\_\_\_\_ got higher and G\_\_\_\_\_ went deeper.

**E\_\_\_\_\_ Example: D\_\_\_\_\_ Trap.**

*Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the **beginning** the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

*Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the **beginning**.*

**Matthew 19:3-8**

A Tension to Manage: G\_\_\_\_\_ and T\_\_\_\_\_.

## What Do I Do Now?

Consider the A\_\_\_\_\_ teachings of Jesus.

Don't S\_\_\_\_\_ for a less than an I\_\_\_\_\_ future.

E\_\_\_\_\_ Truth and C\_\_\_\_\_ to Grace.

Real, Ideal, Gap

Ideal Behavior

Condemn, Failed

Standard, Grace

Extreme, Divorce

Grace, Truth

Abnormal

Settle, Ideal

Embrace, Cling