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The Lie: Divorced and Blended Families are Cursed.

The Truth:

1 God designed the nuclear family AND God uses every type of family.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT)

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it."

Genesis 2:24 (NLT)

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Real Families of the Bible:

- **Moses was adopted.**
- **Boaz was the son of a prostitute.**
- **Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, and Elizabeth all battled infertility.**
- **Samuel was a ward of the state.**
- **Esther was an orphan.**
- **Mary was a widow raising at least 6 kids alone.**
- **Paul was likely divorced.**
- **Jesus grew up in a blended family.**

2 Homes with parents in a stable, loving marriage are good for kids AND every family needs outside help.

Proverbs 6:20-23 (TPT)

My son, obey your father's godly instruction and follow your mother's life-giving teaching. Fill your heart with their advice and let your life be shaped by what they've taught you. Their wisdom will guide you wherever you go and keep you from bringing harm to yourself. Their instruction will whisper to you at every sunrise and direct you through a brand-new day. For truth is a bright beam of light shining into every area of your life, instructing and correcting you to discover the ways to godly living.

More Real Families of the Bible:

- **Daniel and his friends were taken from their parents and had to fend for themselves.**
- **Peter's mother-in-law lived with him.**
- **When Mary found out she was going to be a teen mom, she sought help from her relatives.**
- **Jesus asked John to step in and care for his mother when he was dying.**
- **As a young adult, Mark was mentored by his cousin Barnabas.**
- **The early church adopted orphans and raised them as their own.**

So how do I follow God's plan for my family?

1 Watch for the people God sends to help us.

Ruth 2:3, 17-19 (NLT)

[Ruth] found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech... So Ruth gathered barley there all day, and when she beat out the grain that evening, it filled an entire basket. She carried it back into town and showed it to her mother-in-law... "Where did you gather all this grain today?" Naomi asked. "Where did you work? May the LORD bless the one who helped you!"

Who is already in my life that God may want to use to help my family?

- Ask for their help.

2 Accept the opportunities my unique family offers me.

Ruth 4:11-12 (NLT)

Then the elders and all the people standing in the gate replied, "We are witnesses! May the LORD make this woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah... And may the LORD give you descendants by this young woman who will be like those of our ancestor Perez, the son of Tamar and Judah."

What uniqueness might God use to help others?

- **Own it.**

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Trust that where we came from is part of God's future for us.

Matthew 1:5-6, 16 (NLT)

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What part of my family's past helps me see people that others tend to overlook?

- **Go love them.**

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