## Blended Families

1. Intro – we are not experts
2. Troubles in the family in the Bible
    a. Genisis 4: Cain and Abel
    b. Genesis 21: Abraham and Sarah
    c. Genesis 27: Jacob and Esau
    d. Genesis 37: Joseph and his brothers
    e. 1 Samuel/2 Samuel/1 Kings: David and adultery, murder and not disciplining his children (Adonijah) or seeking to create relations with his children (Absalom)
3. Reasons for blended families
4. Long-term negative impacts because of sin. We see this in the Bible as well, where God forgives but also there is consequence for sin.
    a. The Promise Land and Israel
        i. Numbers 14:20 So the Lord said, **"I have forgiven them in accordance with your word;** 21 however, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord. 22 Certainly all the people who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, 23 shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who were disrespectful to Me see it.
    b. David and Bathsheba
        i. 2 Samuel 12: 13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "**The Lord also has allowed your sin to pass**; you shall not die. 14 However, since by this deed you have shown utter disrespect for the Lord, the child himself who is born to you shall certainly die."
    c. The Church in Corinth
        i. The Church in Corinth – Some sick and dying yet Paul still calls the church saints.
5. What have we learned?
    a. Making time to date your wife. Just like any marriage.
    b. Come to some kind of agreement on discipline.
    c. The spouse without kids.
    d. The spouse with kids
    e. How about the divorced spouse (parent of children) and how to handle this?
    f. Most importantly, the same Biblical commands pertain to this new marriage.
        i. Ephesians 6: 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
        ii. Proverbs 13:24: He who withholds his rod hates his son,
        But he who loves him disciplines him diligently
        iii. Proverb 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope,
        iv. Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
        The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
        v. Proverbs 23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; Though you strike him with the rod, he will not die.
        vi. Proverbs 29:15 The rod and a rebuke give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way