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WRITING YOUR FAMILY VISION.

A tangible way to establish connection, accountability, and action towards your goals and values as a family.

Where to start?

The bible instructs that we are to, "write down this vision and make it clear, for the vision awaits an appointed time; it testifies of the end, and will not lie." Habakkuk 2:2 If God's word carries power in writing, our vision can carry power when written, and inspired by the leading of the Holy Spirit!

01 REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Start with reflection questions to get everyone thinking. Let each person answer, and try to stay focused on postive things. Don't use this as a time for correction for your children or spouse, but make it a safe place for connection.

- What do you value about our family/us?
- What would others say about our family/us?
- What is something you love doing together?
- Who is another family/couple you admire?
- What do you admire about them?
- What word do you think the Lord would use to describe our family/us?
- What makes you feel safe in our relationship/as a family?
- What kind of legacy do we want to leave?

Use the space below to identify some of the things you discussed.

02 IDENTIFY CORE VALUES

Core values are fundamental beliefs in your family. These principles will help guide behavior, and navigate right and wrong decisions for your family. Core values lay the groundwork with tangible steps to fulfilling your purpose as a family, by discussing values, and establishing beliefs that guide your daily lives. Your core values will be the foundation of your family mission statement that will create an unwavering guide for you, your spouse and/or children to be led by in every season.

A core value is something that even under pressure, persuasion, or even if we had to pay penalties, or had to punish our children for violating it, we would still hold to it. Keep in mind, core values are not goals. Goals are changing, core values are timeless.

For help brainstorming examples of core values, reference back to our blog post on creating a family mission statement at www.thepausepursuit.com/blog

03 ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

There is power in devoting time to discovering scriptures that reflect us as a couple/family. Once you've had a chance to reflect as a couple/family, take this time to note 2-3 scriptures that embody some of your core values, or things you've discussed above. This could be verses that have led your marriage or your family through the years, or verses that remind you of God's faithfulness in your marriage and family.

For example, if one of your core values was generosity, you could use a scripture referencing a generous giver in the bible. If it was hardworking, you could find a scripture on perseverance.

Scriptures that reflect our Core Values:

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04 PURPOSE STATEMENT

Use this space to put your reflection questions, core values, and scriptures from above into a "purpose statement" or sentence form.

If one of your core values as a family is that you are generous, you could state something like, "In this family we lack no good thing, but are generous on every occasion."

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05 YOUR VISION STATEMENT

Good news: you're almost there! Here is the part where you put everything above into your family vision statement. Don't over think this part! This is not made to be perfect, but something that can and will evolve as the dynamic changes, but the heart of your vision will always be the same.

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