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How Will God Use Your Family's Story?
Part 2: When You Love Family, You Provide for Family
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1. Have you ever had a job you hated? Why? What were your first menial jobs?
2. As you look back, can you name a specific time you believe God was working in your ordinary life?
3. Ruth gleaned in the fields to get food for herself and Naomi. Metaphorically, from whom have you gleaned wisdom and what was it?
4. Read Timothy 5:3-4 and 8. How have you taken care of a family member in need (besides your children still at home)? How has your family taken care of you?
5. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."
*Explain how you could work as "for the Lord" in various jobs.
*Why do you think Paul, or the Spirit through Paul, would encourage this?
6. Do you have an example of someone with an "entitlement attitude"? What implications were there for the person?
7. How has God blessed you through a family member?
8. Compassion International suggests many believe the opposite of poverty is wealth.
*What do they say the opposite of wealth is? (**Having enough**)
*If "having enough" is the opposite of poverty, have you ever been poor?
9. Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."
*Who has been generous to you?
*Who has refreshed your heart or soul?
*How have you been refreshed when you've tried to refresh another?
10. Has there been a time when you've prayed for a family member and felt God's spirit leading you to bless that person in some specific way?