



Power Down

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Introduction:

- Real vs. Ideal families
- Jesus raises the standard in family

Powering Down in the Family

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:21-22 NIV**

1. _____ submission

Jesus and his followers were at the evening meal. The devil had already persuaded Judas Iscariot to hand Jesus over to his enemies. (Judas was the son of Simon.) The Father had given Jesus power over everything. Jesus knew this. He also knew that he had come from God. And he knew that he was going back to God. So while they were eating, Jesus stood up and took off his robe. He got a towel and wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers' feet. **John 13:2-5 ERV**

2. Q: _____ ?

3. Barriers:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Pride causes arguments, but those who listen to others are wise. **Proverbs 13:10 ERV**

In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. **Philippians 2:3 ERV**

It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. **Ephesians 2:1-5 MSG**

Next Steps:

- I commit to increasing love and submission in my family instead of increasing my power
- I will ask the question: "What can I do to help?" to my family members this week
- I commit to removing barriers to my future family: _____
- I will work specifically on my relationship with _____
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