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**TITLE:** The Dysfunctional Family – A Sinful Profile

**TEXT:** Genesis 1-3

1. **Introduction**
   1. Genesis 1-2
   2. Genesis 3:1-6
   3. Genesis 3:7
2. **God’s Three Word Blueprint**
   1. *Leaving*: God’s blueprint involves leaving father and mother
      1. How does the blueprint influence family goals?
   2. *Cleaving*: God’s blueprint involves cleaving to one another
   3. *Weaving*: God’s blueprint involves weaving (one flesh)
3. **God’s Purpose for the Marriage Interrupted by Alternatives (Gen 3:1-6)**
4. **How God’s Purpose for Marriage Is Challenged, Then and Now**
   1. Doubt
   2. Devalue
   3. Distort
   4. Deny
   5. Denounce
   6. Distrust
5. **The Profile of a Dysfunctional Family**
   1. The dysfunctional family allows worldy ideas and ideals to steer beliefs and behaviour
      1. What must be done
   2. The dysfunctional family studies the world’s paths of salvation. They pursue it and advance in it.
   3. The dysfunctional family elevates self, seeking to improve, promote and applaud it.
   4. The dysfunctional family’s relations are hostile, fractured and combative.
   5. The dysfunctional family’s prayers are focussed on self, directed to self, proud and ungrateful.
   6. The dysfunctional family maintains sin through holding grudges, shaming others and seeking revenge.
   7. The dysfunctional family keeps conflict alive and uses it to control, gain an advantage and provide satisfaction
   8. The dysfunctional family’s communication is harsh, unpredictable and destructive.
   9. The dysfunctional family believes church is not necessary. They hold to a form of Christianity, but it is not a reality.
   10. The dysfunctional family usurps, weakens and redefines God-given authorities and roles.
   11. The dysfunctional family blends and practices secular and pseudo-Christian descriptions of man’s problems and solutions.
   12. The dysfunctional family’s parents are permissive and enable children to establish patterns of sin.