

WHY DO YOU need a CHURCH family



The Lord Builds The House

Psalm 127:1-5 (ESV)

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

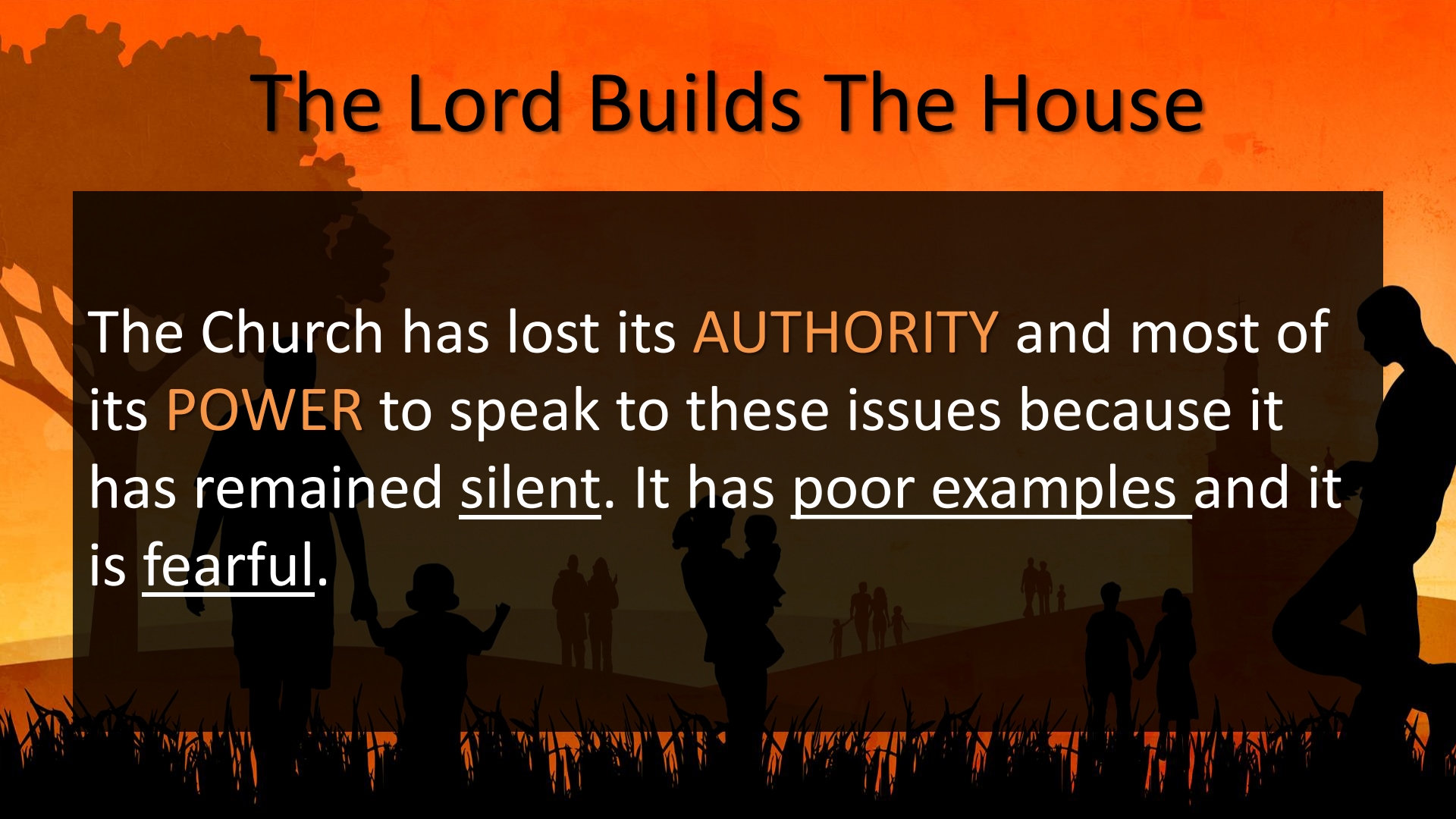
³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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The Church has lost its **AUTHORITY** and most of its **POWER** to speak to these issues because it has remained silent. It has poor examples and it is fearful.

The background of the slide features a warm, orange-toned sunset or sunrise sky. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of various people: a woman holding a child's hand, a man holding a baby, and several other figures standing in a field. The overall mood is contemplative and somewhat somber, reflecting the text's message.

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I. ARCHITECT: Builder of Homes, Cities, Individuals

A. Marriage is a Covenant:

B. Children are a REWARD:

C. Family was God's Idea:

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II. HERITAGE: (Legacy)

A. Parent with the 'Heritage' in mind:

B. Children are a 'Reward': 'Be fruitful'

C. Children need 'Direction': (Like arrows)

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III. INFLUENCE: Proverbs 22:6 “Train Up”

A. The Incentive to have children:

B. The Influence your children can have:

“**Train**” – shape, mold, craft, carve, it takes work to bring a child to its proper bend.

Every child has Divine Value:

“Created in the image of God”

Every Life has Purpose:

Every Life has a soul that **MUST** be Saved:

Every Church has the Responsibility to embrace **THE Mission**. *“Permit the children to come unto ME”*