REAL OR IDEAL?

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SOME KEY BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT FAMILY:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"

Ephesians 6:1-2 (NIV)

"Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, this is fitting in the Lord." Colossians 3:18 (NIV)

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them." Colossians 3:19 (NIV)

"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." Colossians 3:21 (NIV)

"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

Matthew 19:3-8

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.

KEY TRUTH: JESUS TAUGHT AND POINTED _______... BUT HE ______. KEY QUESTION: WILL WE CHOOSE TO ______ "FAMILY" OR WILL WE ALLOW JESUS TO OUR FAMILY?