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We are the Brister family. Our hearts are to encourage people. Our roots run deep, because of our roots in Christ(Colossians 2:6-7) we are a strong family. God put us together(1 Corinthians 12:18) in our natural & spiritual families(Psalm 68:6). Every person has a purpose and a role to play in the family. It was God's design (1 Corinthians 12:18) to have you be part of His family so you can function in your natural family.

Family Time

Everyone comes from some sort of a family. Good or bad, you grew up learning from that family. You learned how to talk, your behavior, and what you like to eat. You also learned to reflect the image of the father/ mother figure socially, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Creator: Colossians 1:15-16

Omnipresent: *present in all places* Psalm 139:7-10

Omnipotent: *unlimited power* Hebrews 1:3

Omniscient: *All knowing* Isaiah 46:10, Hebrews 4:13

Love: Deuteronomy 7:9, John 3:16

Faithful: Lamentations 3:22-24

When you become Born Again Romans 10:8-13, you now have a new life, new Heavenly Father.

Alive in Him: Eph. 2:4-7

Free from sin: Rom. 8:2-3, John 8:36

Mind of Christ: 1 Cor. 2:16, Phil. 2:5

Greater one inside: 1 John 4:4

No longer live the way you use to: Col. 3:9-10

Created for good works: Eph. 2:10

Rooted in faith: Col.2:7

You are not your own: 1 Cor. 6:19-20

Live by His strength: Gal. 2:20

WHO IS GOD?

God The Father, Jesus
His Son, The Holy
Spirit.

WHO WE ARE

(Identity / Sonship)

TOOLS

**Your
Bible,Topical
Bible**

Our Story

Mike: I was raised in a Christian home with my parents. I was in church from birth to my early teenage years. As we moved from our home in Nixon to Ingleside, TX somethings changed. I got married and we didn't go to church. Lived a worldly life style and pretty separate lives. Till one day we separated and then divorced. I moved away to another town and got back in church, serving on the praise team and then became the youth pastor.

Audra: I grew up in a traditional church, going with my parents on Sunday, but it was a different way of living throughout the week. As a teenager I sought out a different kind of church, and I really liked it. I met a young man there and by 18 I was married. My married life was rough at best. It got out of control and abusive, until he left and we were divorced. I moved away to another town and became the praise and worship leader.

His Story

This is His story because it's how God brought us together. God brought us separately to the same church. We both had our hearts to serve God not looking for relationships. But through the coarse of submitting to God, He brought us together. We spent time on the worship team getting to know each other and then I began to work with Mike in the Youth department. We had a day we went to get worship music, then to eat, and we both knew this was turning into something more. Mike set me down and asked me what I had envisioned for my future, and told me he wanted the same things. A family, that served God and would work toward the things God had placed in our hearts. And soooo.....here we are.

Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth is different from natural growth. As a natural child you will grow if feed and taken care of properly it's inevitable. But spiritual growth begins after being born again. You have the ability to control your growth. You have been given the Word of God to study and find out about your new spiritual life. Then we will no longer be like babies Ephesians 4:14-32. You don't just become spiritually mature when you ask Jesus in your heart, you have a role to play in your growth.

You become like Him by studying His Word, His character and applying it to your life.

1. **Meditate on God's Word:** Joshua 1:8 Speak the Word only. Meditate means to mutter/ talk to yourself. Speaking the Word of God over yourself, about who you are, what God says about your situation and everything in life causes you to grow. The more knowledge you have on a the inside of you, the more you start to develop into who God has called you to be. The more you know and act on, the more you grow.
2. **Be a Doer of the Word:** James 1:22-25 You make a commitment to take the Word of God and put it into action by doing what it says. Take the Word of God and make it your lifestyle, not trying to take it and fit it into your current lifestyle. A child is told what to do, and made to do what parents want. But for spiritual growth you put away childish ways, you do it because you want to grow not because anyone is making you.
3. **Make the Word of God 1st place:** Here is how to tell whats 1st place in your life. When sickness comes to you or your family what is the first thing out of your mouth? If it isn't lets pray then you need to make some changes (Romans 12:2).

4. **Recognize His voice/Holy Spirit leading you:** God speaks to us through His Word. He can speak to you in an audible voice but most of the time its in His Word or you will be lead by the Holy Spirit. Recognizing the Holy Spirit's (1John 2:20) guidance is to be familiar with God's Word. You are never lead to do anything that is contrary to the Word of God. Holy Spirit is our Guide and Counselor (Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

5. **Do What He says:** Obedience is doing exactly what He said and when He said to do it (Gen. 17:23). Do it the same day He tells you, I like to take a pen and paper when I go to pray. After I pray I sit quietly to hear from the Lord. He may speak to me inwardly, by that I mean I have a scripture come to my mind, or a word, even a sentence. Not that I heard an audible voice but just on the inside of me, and I write it down. Then I go study it out.