


Theme:
God's People Ready for Battle

1 Chronicles 7:40 (NIV)
All these were descendants of Asher—**heads of families-communities**, choice men, brave warriors and outstanding leaders. The number of men **ready for battle**, as listed in their genealogy, was 26,000.



Introduction:

4-Key Characteristics of such people ready for battle:

1. They are Heads of Families-Communities – **Father-Leaders**.
2. They are Select Choice Men - **Character**.
3. They are Brave Mighty Warriors - **Boldness**.
4. They are Outstanding Leaders - **Leader of Leaders**.

Heads of Families-Communities
refers to:

Father - Leaders



Heads of Families-Communities
are Father-Leaders:



1. Of our **Biological** Families.
2. In the **Body-Life** of Church Family.
CG-Cluster-Tribe-Division
3. Who are **individuals** influencing and impacting lives.

Heads of Families-Communities

Father - Leaders

- Spiritual Fatherhood -

7 Key Roles



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith

- 7 Key Roles:



- I. Provide **Spiritual Leadership**.
 1. **Leadership** is about **influencing** people to follow you towards a certain direction.
 2. **Spiritual Leadership** is about influencing people to follow you towards:
 - A. Becoming **disciples** of Christ.
 - B. Being **disciple-makers**.

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:



I. Provide Spiritual Leadership.

John 10:2-4

2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

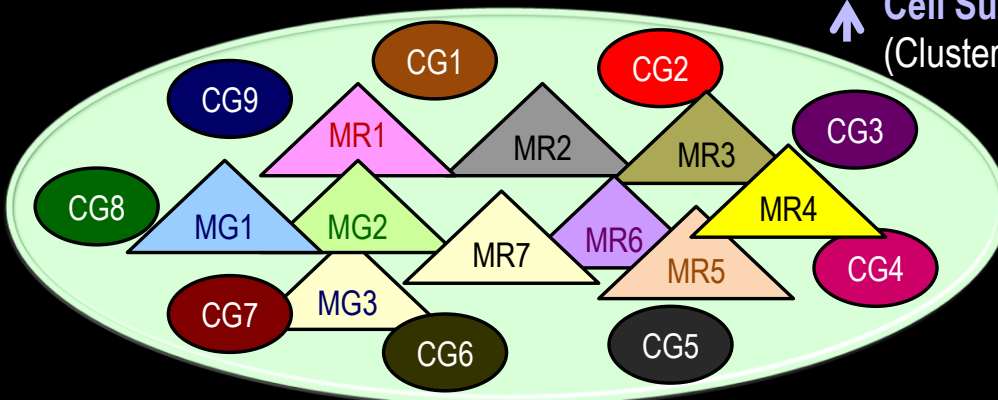
3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and

he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when

he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

BBTC Body-Life Leadership

↑ Cell Pastor
 ↑ Cell Overseer (Tribe)
 ↑ Cell Supervisor (Cluster)



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:



I. Provide Spiritual Leadership.

3. Provide Spiritual Leadership to Family-Community to battle in the **4 Arenas**:

Provide Spiritual Leadership to Family-Community to battle:

A. For the Truth / Worldviews.

- This is the battle of our Belief System.
- Our lives are the outcome of what and who we believe.
- This is our personal journey in Discipleship.
- We must have vibrant faith.
- We must be HOT for God or lose this battle.

This battle can only be won when
we are filled with the Word of God.

Provide Spiritual Leadership to Family-Community to battle:

B. For the **Souls** of Men - Share the Full Gospel.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died.

This battle can only be won when
we are filled with the **love** of God.



Provide Spiritual Leadership to Family-Community to battle:

C. **Demonic** strongholds.

James 4:6-7

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." **7** Therefore submit to God.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

This battle can only be won when
we are filled with the **Spirit** of God.





Provide Spiritual Leadership to Family-Community to battle:

D. In your public square as effective salt & light.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

This battle can only be won when we love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

II. Feed the lamb and sheep.

John 21:15-17

15 .. Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him,

"Feed My lambs." **16** He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him,

"Tend My sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him,

"Feed My sheep."

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

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Deuteronomy 6:6-7

6 And **these words** which I command you today shall **be in your heart**. 7 You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall **talk** of them when you **sit** in your house, when you **walk** by the way, when you **lie down**, and when you **rise up**.



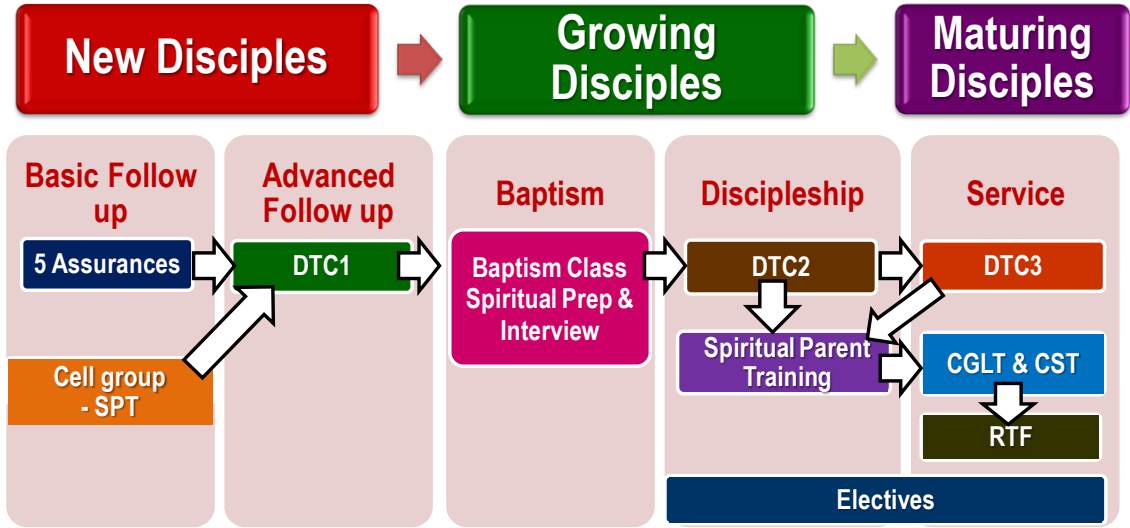
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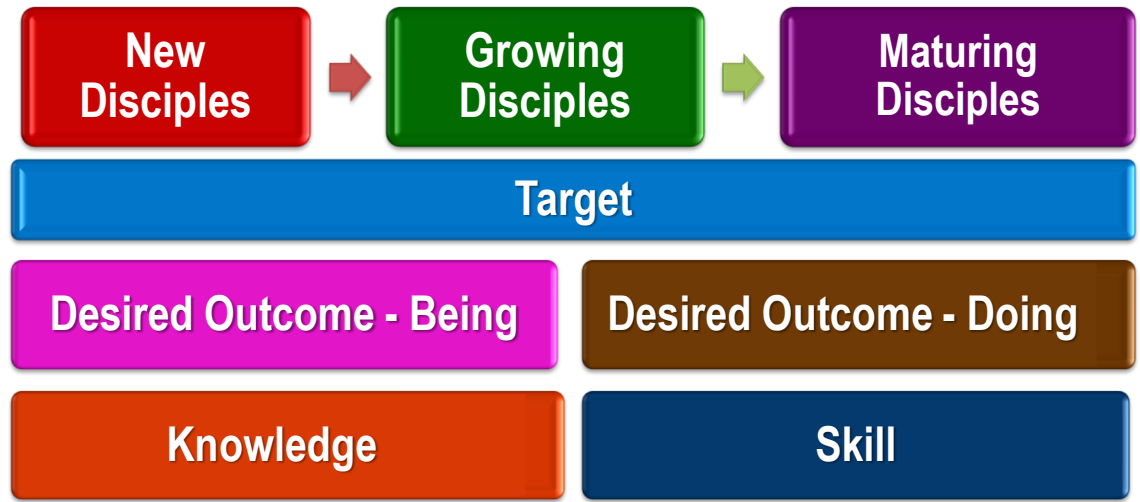
Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Equipping Tracks



Marks of a Disciple



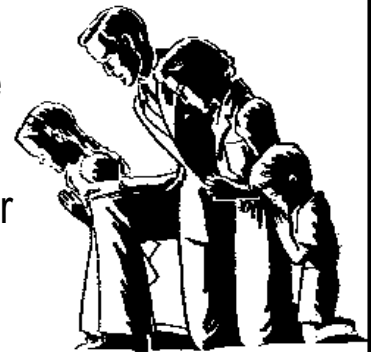
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III. Pray for the family-community.

Such a person establishes the family-community altar.

The family altar is when the head of the family-community brings his family together to intentionally:

1. Acknowledge and invite the Presence of God to the household.
2. Bond the family together by praying for each other.



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

III. Pray for the family-community.

Job 1:5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

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Job 1:10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.





**Don't think of the things
you didn't get after praying.
Think of the countless
blessings God gave you
without asking.**

WITHOUT GOD

our week would be

SINDAY

MOURNDAY

TEARSDAY

WASTEDAY

THIRSTDAY

FIGHTDAY

SHATTERDAY

7days without God

makes **ONEWEAK**

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

IV. Minister to each other in the family-community.

1. By sharing experiences with the Lord.
 - A. What has the Lord been speaking to each recently?
 - B. What is in each heart (radar screen)?
2. By accountability to each other on updates in their lives.



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

IV. Minister to each other in the family-community.

3. Intentionally work at building strong families-communities.

Q: On a scale of 1 to 10 when *1 is disaster* and *10 is excellent*, what number will you place re your families-communities? Why?

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

IV. Minister to each other in the family-community.

4. Strong families-communities are built:

A. On love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

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4. Strong families-communities are built:

B. On effective communication.

i. Accountability and Covering (A&C)

ii. Praying and Communicating (P&C)

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4. Strong families-communities are built:

C. On strengthening and enlarging common space.

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Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

V. **Train and Equip** the family-community for the battles in life.

Genesis 14:14-16

14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. **15** He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. **16** So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

BBTC - Intentional Disciple-Making Church

Mission: To Share Christ As We Mature in Him!



End-Product Disciple

Effective Priest & King

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Genesis 18:19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.

6 Keys to walk in Freedom and Victory

(6) **Walking it out daily** (Discipleship)

(2) **SOFC**
(Inheritance)

(3) **UGB**
(Identity)

(4) **SSH**
(Intimacy)

(5) **DO**
(Influence with Authority)

(1) **Forgiveness**

(A) Will (B) Be Healed (C) Release Judgment

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

V. **Train and Equip** the family-community for the battles in life.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.



Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

V. **Train and Equip** the family-community for the battles in life.

Being street smart

Managing friendships

Managing Money

Warning of dangers and pitfalls at various stages of life

Paying the Tithe

Seeking Wisdom

Obtaining Favour

Developing EQ



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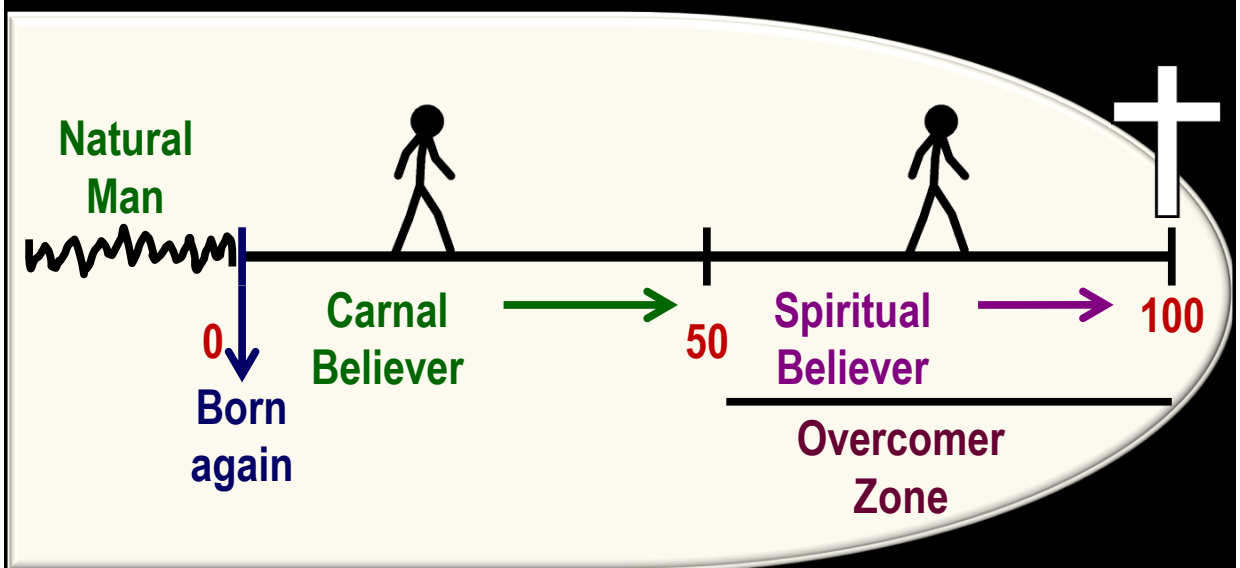
Psalm 78:5-7

5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;

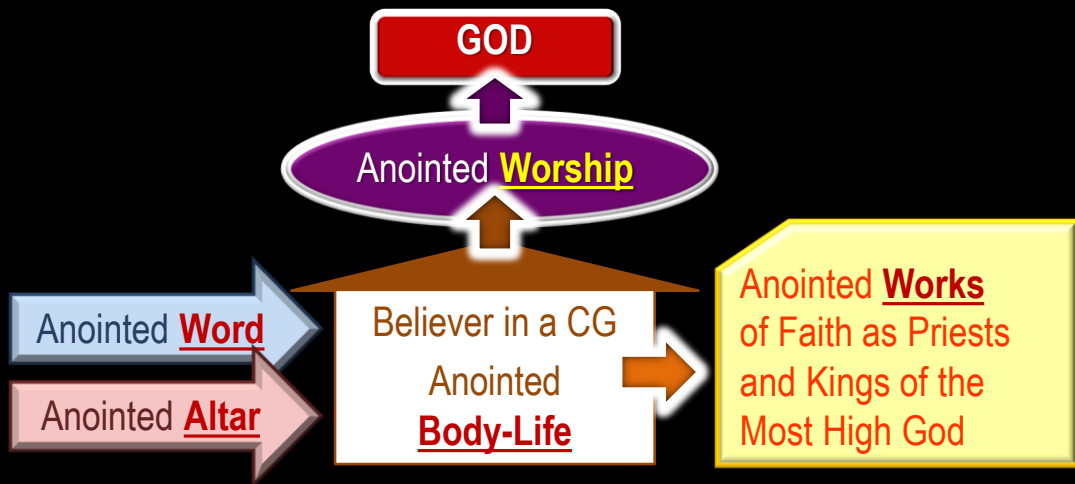
6 That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments



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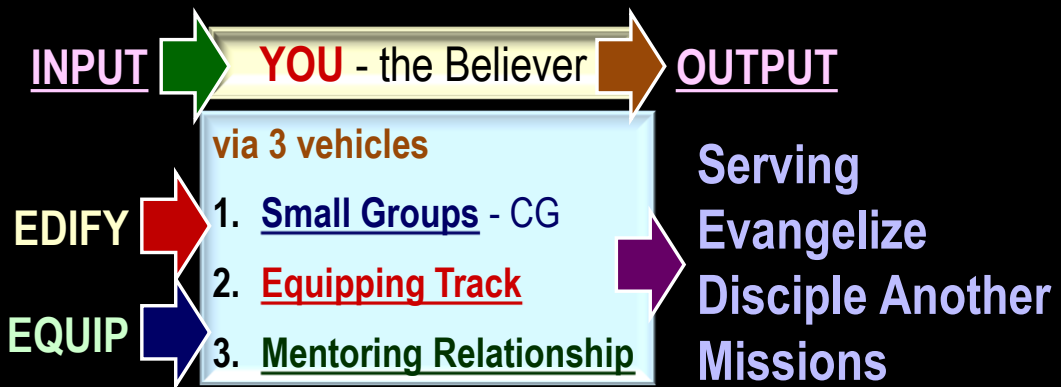
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VI. Direct the family-community to serve the Lord.



Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

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The Call for Father-Leaders

Enlarge Leadership Base -
Formal & Informal Leaders

Fully plugged in the
Body Life in BBTC

Training - Equipping - Quality -
More effective over time

Mentors - Coaches -
Disciple-Makers -
Spiritual Fathering - Friends





Heads of Families-Communities of Faith

- 7 Key Roles:

VII. Bless the family-community.

Numbers 6:24-26

24 “The Lord bless you and keep you; **25** the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; **26** the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

Heads of Families-Communities of Faith - 7 Key Roles:

VII. Bless the family-community.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.



Bottom-Line

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

