

Reclaiming Hope Ministry

BLENDED FAMILIES WORKSHOP

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A blended family is any household where "yours, mine, ours or theirs" takes on a deeper meaning. It is where individuals come together to form a new, unified home after a loss or significant life event.

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DEATH



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ADOPTION



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FOSTER CARE



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DIVORCE

Five Blended Home Dynamics

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15% of widows/widowers with kids will remarry

60% divorced with kids will remarry

50K+ are adopted each year, 14% have kids

70K+ are currently awaiting adoption, 18K+ age out

328K+ in the foster care system, 1/3 will be placed

39% of kids will live with a relative

30% of kids are born to unwed parents

2025 Stats on Blended Families

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Families where a parent passed away, and the surviving parent remarries or a widow/widower marries another with children.

DEATH

*Abraham & Keturah, Bilhah & Benjamin,
Judah & Tamar, Ruth & Boaz*

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*Families where biological children
and adopted children grow
together.*

*Moses & Pharaoh, David & Mephibosheth,
Hosea & Lo-Ruhamah & Lo-Ammi, Jesus & Joseph*

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Families that open their doors to children in transition, blending temporary and/or permanent relationships into a cohesive support system.

*Abraham & Eliezer, Eli & Samuel, Elizabeth & Mary,
Paul & Timothy, Peter & John Mark,
Manean & Herod Antipas*

FOSTER CARE

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Families where grandparents, aunts, uncles or even siblings step forward to raise children, blending generations and roles to provide stability for the kids.

Abraham & Lot, Naomi & Ruth, Naomi & Obed, Mordecai & Esther, Barnabas & John Mark

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This is where the innocent party in a previous marriage has scripturally divorced and re-married. This action merges two households with children from the previous marriage(s).

Matthew 5:32, 19:6-9

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2018

There is hope!



2020



2005

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Major Obstacles

VS

Major Blessings



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FINANCES

DISCIPLINE

BOUNDARIES

SELF

SIBLINGS

PARENTING

ROUTINES

TIME

FRIENDS

MOVING

LOCATION

HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL

VACATION

SCHEDULE

INFLUENCES

RESPECT

CHURCH

BONDING

ATTENTION

FAVORITISM

Obstacles For A Blended Home

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STABILITY

DISCIPLINE

STRENGTH

SIBLINGS

PARENTS

ROUTINES

RESILIENCE

HOPE

PEACE

RESTORATION

LOVE

ENDURANCE

WISDOM

UNITY

TRUST

CHURCH

BONDING

ATTENTION

Blessings In A Blended Home

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What can we learn?

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BENN & DIANE'S STORY



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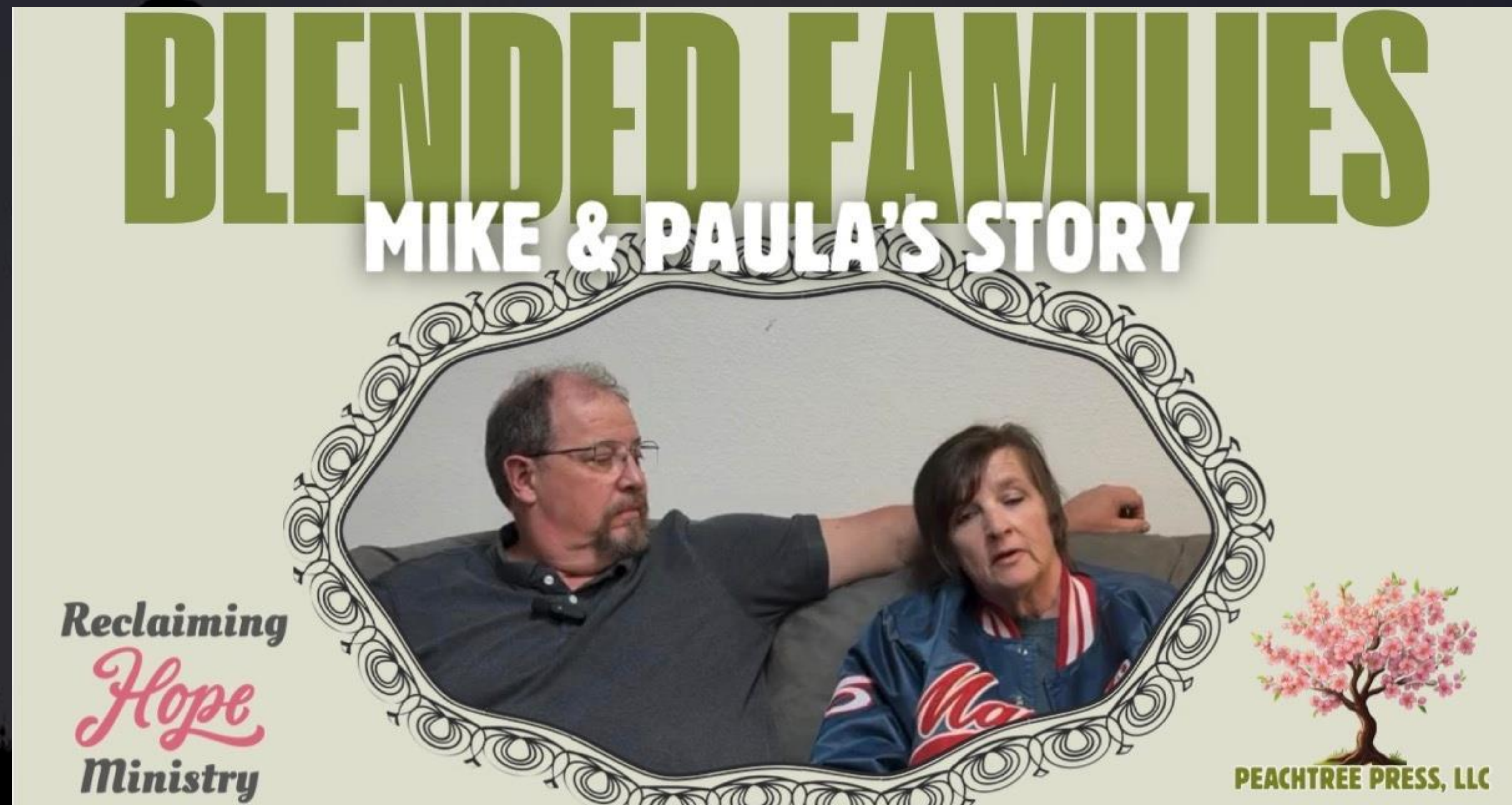
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