



Home-Field Advantage | Week 1 Bill Bush | 10.03.2021

Big Idea

Home-field advantage happens when you *BELONG* and *BECOME*.

BELONG to something like nothing else in creation.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT)

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 2:24 (NLT)

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

3 ELEMENTS OF *BELONGING*:

1. PROTECT

- A safe place: physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually

Proverbs 14:26 (NLT)

Those who fear the Lord are secure; he will be a refuge for their children.

2. PLAY

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (NLT)

Live happily with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your reward for all your earthly toil.

Psalm 127:3-5 (NLT)

³ Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him.

⁴ Children born to a young man
are like arrows in a warrior's hands.

⁵ How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!
He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.

3. PROVIDE

BECOME who God created us to be.

Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

²⁸ One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Mission statement for a family: *LOVE GOD* and *LOVE OTHERS*.

KNOW, GROW, GO.

KNOW Jesus in a personal and purposeful relationship.

Mark 12:32-34 (NLT)

³² The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other.

³³ And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

³⁴ Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

John 4:46-53 (NLT)

⁴⁶ As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick.

⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.

⁴⁸ Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?"

⁴⁹ The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies."

⁵⁰ Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.

⁵¹ While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well.

⁵² He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!"

⁵³ Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus.