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A Christian Husband's Guide to
Leading in Faith

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ABOUT US

Hey Familia, I'm John Pusic, a follower of Christ, husband to my wife Liliana, and father to our children Jani and Alina. Together, we are a family that goes by the name Familia de Fe.

Our family started this community to come alongside and strengthen other families seeking to honor God within their homes. What began with the four of us has grown into a wider community of believers we lovingly embrace as familia too.

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My heart is to encourage and equip fathers and husbands to be spiritual leaders of their homes. So I'm thrilled to provide this ebook written from my perspective as a Christian man striving to steward my family well.

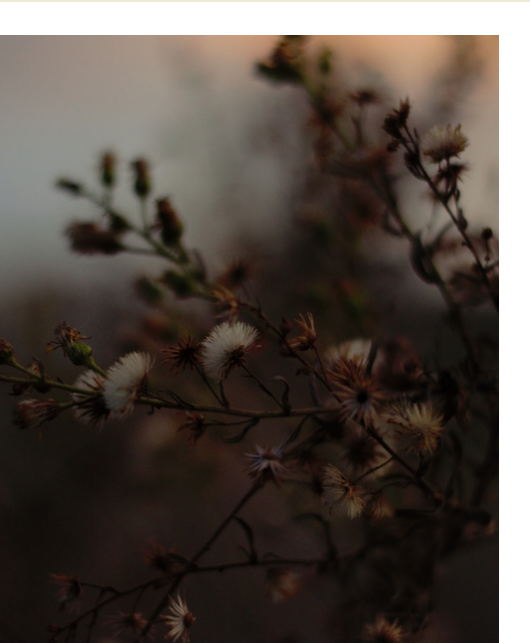
Within these pages, I hope you'll find wisdom and perspective to inspire you on your journey of leading in faith. Let's explore together what it means to create a Christ-centered home as we guide our families.

Grateful to share this journey with you,



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Introduction

As a husband and father, I believe my most important role is to be a spiritual leader for my family. This calling stands in contrast to many forces in our current culture that work against Biblical family structures and values. Despite shifting societal norms, my responsibility remains the same – to live out my faith daily through how I love, serve, and guide my wife and children. My prayer is that this short ebook will encourage other Christian men seeking to steward their families well and leave a Godly legacy, even in the midst of an increasingly secular world.

*"But as for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."*

~Joshua 24:15

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Leadership in Faith

The Bible lays out clear principles for leadership within the home. As men, we are called to sacrificial, Christ-like leadership ([Eph 5:25-30](#)), not passivity and abdication of leadership often celebrated in culture. This means putting the needs of my family before my own, and guiding them with patience, wisdom and compassion ([1 Cor 13:4-7](#)), not authoritarianism. My leadership should be founded on God's truth, not my own instincts or societal norms ([Josh 24:15](#)). For example, modern media often depicts fathers as ineffective or removed, which can undermine Godly leadership. I must lead by example - if I want my family to grow in faith, I must be diligent in cultivating my own relationship with God through prayer, scripture and community ([1 Tim 4:12](#)). As the spiritual authority in our home ([1 Cor 11:3](#)), I must create an environment where my wife and kids feel consistently loved, supported and valued ([Col 3:19](#), [Eph 6:4](#)).

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways am I leading my family with courage and conviction versus passivity?*
- Do my wife and children experience my spiritual leadership on a daily basis? If not, what needs to change?*
- What cultural messages undermine Godly leadership, and how can I guard against them?*

Communication as a Reflection of Christ

Open, humble communication reflects the love of Jesus, contrasting poor examples in media and culture of deception, anger and criticism. I aim to be an active, empathetic listener - understanding my family's needs before offering guidance ([James 1:19](#)). I try not to lecture or dominate conversations, but rather facilitate discussions where everyone can share authentically ([Ecclesiastes 3:7](#)). This requires patience, thoughtfulness and avoiding snap judgments ([Prov 15:18](#)). Technology can inhibit meaningful connections, so I limit devices to truly listen. I must season my speech with grace, speaking in a way that builds up rather than tearing down ([Eph 4:29](#)). Communicating in a Christ-centered way also means recognizing my own faults and being quick to apologize, forgive, and restore peace in my home ([Matt 5:23-24](#)).

Reflection Questions:

- *Would my communication style be described as humble, gracious, and loving?*
- *Do I actively listen and understand before speaking and giving guidance?*
- *What technology habits may be hindering meaningful connections in my family?*

Decision Making & Spiritual Guidance

Making choices as a husband and father must be grounded in prayer and spiritual wisdom, not my own limited logic or mainstream moral relativism (Prov 3:5-6). Before big decisions, I take time to seek the Lord in scripture and listen for His direction (Psalms 25:4-5), not simply what is practical, profitable or popular. I consider whether the options align with Biblical principles of integrity, stewardship and Godly morality (Philippians 4:8), not just career, fame, or pleasure. I involve my wife in decision making, valuing her perspective even when we disagree (Prov 31:10-12). In guiding my children, I aim to teach Biblical discernment - training them to filter choices through the lens of Christian values rather than peer pressure (Prov 22:6). My goal is not to control their lives, but to help them develop wisdom and strong moral foundations.

Reflection Questions:

- *Am I grounding big decisions in prayer and God's Word?*
- *Do I model discernment amid cultural pressures and relativism?*
- *How can I lovingly guide my kids' choices rather than control them?*

Overcoming Challenges with Faith

No family is immune from challenges and hardships. During difficult times, my instinct can be to rely on my own strength, substances, entertainment, or retail therapy to cope - but these secular solutions conflict with seeking God. However, trials are fertile ground for deepening faith in God's provision, mercy and sovereignty ([James 1:2-4](#)), not becoming self-reliant. I want my kids to witness me leaning into Jesus when life gets hard ([2 Cor 12:9-10](#)). Whether financial strains, health issues or relational conflicts, I aim to respond with spiritual perspective - trusting God's purpose, seeking peace, and believing this too shall pass ([Rom 8:28](#)). Hardship tests my leadership; during storms, my family needs my anchor of hope in Christ even more ([Heb 6:19](#)). Our trials can refine our faith, strengthen our bonds, and equip us to comfort others ([2 Cor 1:3-4](#)).

Reflection Questions:

- *Do I lean on the Lord during hardship or rely on worldly coping mechanisms?*
- *How can trials refine my family's faith versus divide us?*
- *Do my kids see me cling to Christ as my anchor in storms of life?*

Building a Legacy of Faith

The legacy I wish to leave goes far beyond fleeting worldly success or material possessions. My daily prayer is that decades from now, my children will walk with Jesus and raise Godly families amid pressure to conform to cultural trends (Deut 6:6-7). I hope to model lifelong learning and growth - remaining humble and moldable as God matures my faith over a lifetime (Phil 3:12-14). I pray my wife will feel unconditionally cherished, protected and valued during our marriage - and my children will internalize their God-given worth (Prov 31:28-29). By striving to reflect the Gospel in how I think, speak and serve in our home, I aim to pass the baton of Christian discipleship to the next generation and equip them to defend their faith as culture grows hostile (2 Tim 2:2).

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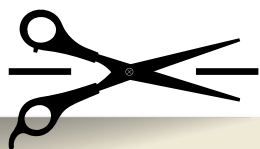
- *What spiritual legacy do I aim to pass down to the next generation?*
- *How can I equip my kids to defend their faith amid cultural hostility?*
- *Am I investing in things of eternal value versus temporary treasures?*

Conclusion

Brothers, stewarding a family with excellence for Christ requires total dependence on Him. We must seek the Lord daily for wisdom and discernment in upholding the Biblical standard of leadership, communication, decision making, and leaving a legacy of faith ([James 1:5](#)) - even when these principles feel countercultural. My prayer is that this ebook has provided practical guidance and encouragement for your journey. May God equip us all to anchor our families firmly in His truth and lead them well, for His glory.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the wisdom and guidance you provide as we strive to lead our families in faith. Give us courage to uphold your principles of Godly leadership, communication, decision-making and passing on a spiritual legacy to the next generation. Help us reflect the love of Christ in how we steward our homes. Forgive us when we fail and rely on our own limited strength and wisdom. May our families feel your presence, protection and grace each day. Equip us to anchor our wives and children firmly in your truth amid cultural storms. Use us to advance your Kingdom through the legacy we build. We look forward to the day when we stand before you and hear "well done good and faithful servant". May our families bring you glory all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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