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Remind your group that this session presents Nurturing Your Family.

We must examine this area of our life to see that it becomes “aligned within” by God’s Word.

A. The Family Is Under Attack.¹
(Suggested Teaching Time: 10 Minutes)

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1. **There is an increase of divorced parents.**
 - Nearly 50% of all marriages end in divorce.
 - More than one million children have parents who separate or divorce each year.
 - More than half of all families today have been, are or will be in one or more stepfamily situations.
2. **There is an increase of single parents.**
 - Single parents account for 27% of family households with children under eighteen.
 - 50% of all children will live in a single-parent family at some point in childhood.
 - The number of single mothers increased from three million to 10 million between 1970 and 2000.
3. **There is an increase of unmarried partner households.**
 - 33% of all children are born to unmarried parents.
 - Unmarried partner households increased 72% in the last decade from three to five million. These figures include both heterosexual and homosexual couples.
 - Currently 6-10 million children live with homosexual and bisexual parents.

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The Family Under Attack.

- There is an increase of:
1. Divorced parents.
 2. Single parents.
 3. Unmarried partner households.

¹ These statistics are taken from www.womedia.org and are based on the USA.