

*Renewing the Covenant Household,  
Part Four: Lessons from the Fiddler  
Ephesians 5:21-6:4  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- I. Covenant – Troth Is Truth: Ephesians 5:31
  - *Miracle of Miracles*  
Malachi 2:14; Hosea 2:18-20; Ezekiel 16:8
  
- II. Love Means Commitment: Ephesians 5:25  
(not emotionalism or eroticism)
  - *Do You Love Me?*  
John 3:16
  
- III. Parenting Is for Life: Ephesians 6:4
  - *Sunrise, Sunset*
  - *Matchmaker, Matchmaker*
  - A. Courtship concerns
  - B. Eagle saints
    - “I want a wife!” Then act like a man!
    - Settling for crows in a land of eagles is folly!
  
- IV. *Paedeia* Is not Optional: Ephesians 6:4
  - *Sabbath Prayer*
  - A. The Church is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)
  - B. Life flows from the Lord’s Table and not FIRST from our tables. Ephesians 5:31-32
    - 1. Sacraments are not given to parents to minister to their children; they are given to the Church to minister to her members.
    - 2. Ministers don’t discipline the children, and parents don’t commune the children.
  - C. Out of the Family of God flows the life that will strengthen the families he gives us.
  - D. Singles – whether by calling, providence, or widowhood – are called to this family and into families as well. Psalm 68:6
  
- V. Grandparents Are Gifts: Ephesians 6:2
  - *To Life!*  
Proverbs 4:1-4; Leviticus 19:32
  
- VI. Win, Lose, or Draw – Go God’s Way: Ephesians 6:2
  - *If I Were a Rich Man*  
The Commandment Is not without Promise.