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We Are Family: Family Connection Is Spiritual

Luke 2:52 - *"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."*

- **God Has A Special Purpose For Placing Us Within A Family**

Genesis 1:27-28 - *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..."*

- **The Central Building Block Of Human Society**
- **Family Was Expected To Look After One Another**
- **A Family Can't Succeed If You Aren't Continually Working On It**

Mark 3:20-25 - *One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said. ²² But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons." ²³ Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. ²⁴ "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. ²⁵ Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.*

- **Family Members Require The Most Patience**
 1. **To The Teachers: What You're Saying Doesn't Make Sense.**
 2. **To Family: Arguing Will Only Cause Us To Fall Apart.**

JESUS REDEFINED FAMILY

Mark 3:31-35 - *Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. ³² There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." ³³ Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. ³⁵ Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."*

- **Relationship Isn't Limited To Those In The Immediate Family**
- **In The Kingdom Of Heaven, The Most Important Family Connection Is Spiritual, Not Physical**
- **It's Hearing God's Word And Putting It Into Practice**

Ephesians 1:5 - *God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

John 1:12-13 - *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn; not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*