

We Are Family

How God Uses Families

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Introduction

- What does family mean to you?
- **We are all different in temperament and personality.**
- Unity in diversity. Sometimes we grate each other.
- **The Church is a Family—not a business.**
- The Church is a Missional Family.

The Truth About Family

- We don't choose our biological family—they're given to us.
- **Families aren't always easy, but they're still family.**
- God's plan started with Adam & Eve, continued with Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel.
- **Through flaws and failures, God still worked through families.**

Family Challenges

- Deception and lies
- **Jealousy and betrayal**
- Heartbreak and resentment
- **But God was always there—through Jesus' genealogy, parenting, and siblings.**
- The Church is God's spiritual family—called from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

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- Let go of the orphan spirit.
- Embrace your identity as God's child.
- Your value is in belonging, not performance.

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- Who do you need to forgive or encourage this week?
- What does 'love in action' look like for you?

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- Be a safe space for others.
- Create space for restoration, not judgement.

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- Young people: Learn from older wisdom.
- Older saints: Speak life into younger generations.

Conclusion – Welcome Home

- We are not strangers.
- **We are not spectators.**
- We are family.
- **Renew your commitment to living as God's family.**
- Pray for healing and restoration—spiritual and natural.

The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Who can I reach out to this week?

- 1. An estranged family member**
- 2. A sick or aged family member**
- 3. A beloved and appreciated family member**

Application

Reach out to someone this week you haven't seen or spoken to:

- **A call**
- **A note**
- **A visit**

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