

**“Faith with
Family Affection”**

2 Peter 1:5-7

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- 1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)*
- 2. Spiritual Selection (not self-selection)*
- 3. Spurring on (not spurning)*

How well do you love your family?

How does the gospel shape your relationships with other believers?

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1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)

*“Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he answered them, **“My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”**”*

– Luke 8:18-21

*“Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or **brothers or sisters or mother or father or children** or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and **brothers and sisters and mothers and children** and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’”*

– Mark 10:29-30

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1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)

Same Father

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.”

- 1 John 5:1

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1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)

Same Father

Same Brother

*“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the **firstborn among many brothers**.*

- Romans 8:29

*“Therefore he had to be **made like his brothers** in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*

- Hebrews 2:17

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1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)

Same Father

Same Brother

Same (re)Birth

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”

- 1 Peter 1:22-23

*“Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit.***

- John 3:5-8

“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.”

- Colossians 3:11

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2. Spiritual Selection (not self-selection)

Spirit creates Unity in Christ

“... eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

- Ephesians 4:3-6

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2. Spiritual Selection (not self-selection)

*Spirit creates Unity in Christ
not Sibling Rivalries*

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

- Philippians 2:1-3

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

- John 17:22-23

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2. Spiritual Selection (not self-selection)

Spirit creates Unity in Christ

not Sibling Rivalries

not Substitute Families

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1. Scriptural Reality (not analogy)

BASIS FOR FAMILY AFFECTION

2. Spiritual Selection (not self-selection)

CONTENT OF FAMILY AFFECTION

3. Spurring on (not spurning)

PURPOSE OF FAMILY AFFECTION

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3. Spurring on (not spurning)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

- Hebrews 10:24

“Christian community is not primarily about togetherness. It is about the way of Jesus Christ with those whom he calls to himself. Its is about disciplining our wants and needs in congruence with a true story, which gives us the resources to lead truthful lives. In living out the story together, togetherness happens, but only as a byproduct of the main project of trying to be faithful to Jesus.”

- Hauerwas and Willimon

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3. Spurring on (not spurning)

Spiritual Conversation

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“I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.”

- Philippians 4:2

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*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”*

- John 13:35

“But it is to say, if we are going to be God’s evangelistic society, not isolated loose canons, but a community that stands out in the broader community in which we live, and like the ancient steeple that points heavenwards toward Jesus Christ, it’s who we ARE as the church, not just what we DO as the church that will make us God’s evangelistic society.”

- Sinclair Ferguson

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