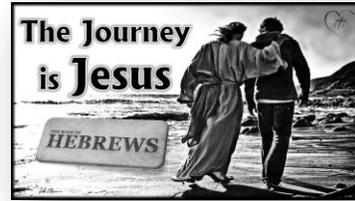




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“THE FAMILY of FAITH”
Built on Brotherly Love
HEBREWS 13:1

- *How do you define ‘Family’?*

PSALM 68:6 *God places the lonely in families.*

Brotherly Love is...

1. _____ **CONNECTED** 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9; 1 JOHN 4:19; 1 JOHN 3:16;
GALATIANS 3:26-29; REVELATION 5:9, 10

Brotherly Love is...

2. _____ **DEVELOPED** ROMANS 12:10; GENESIS 33:14

Brotherly Love is...

3. _____ **PRACTICED** 1 PETER 3:8; 1 JOHN 3:17, 18; GALATIANS 6:10; JOHN 13:35

SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES...

- *Communicate and Listen to One Another*
- *Affirm and Support One Another*
- *Respect One Another*
- *Develop a Sense of Trust with Each Other*
- *Share Time and Responsibility for One Another*
- *Know Right from Wrong*
- *Have Rituals and Traditions with One Another*
- *Share a Religious Core with One Another*
- *Respect One Another’s Privacy*

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*“There is nothing in the world like the _____
when it is working _____.” ~BILL HYBELS*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
“THE FAMILY of FAITH”
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on building a *Family of Faith* through *brotherly love*. Was there anything in the sermon that was helpful, eye opening, troubling, or confusing?
2. Everyone has a different experience when it comes to *“Family.”* Reflecting on your family experience, what were some positive experiences? Were there any negative? Did anything positive come out of those?
3. How might your personal family experience influence your expectations for a *Family of Faith*?
4. **Read the “SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES”** list on the sermon notes. How would you prioritize them? What are your top three?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read the Story of “The Good Samaritan” in Luke 10:25-37.** Is this an example of brotherly love? Why, or why not?
- **Why do you think Jesus identified the characters who did not help as a ‘Priest’ and a ‘Levite’? Why did Jesus identify the one who did help as a ‘Samaritan’? What barriers/excuses kept the first two from helping? What barriers did the Samaritan overcome in order to help?**
- **Read Jude 1:4 and 2 Timothy 3:1-9.** What kind of people make it difficult to build a ‘Family of Believers’ based on ‘brotherly love’?
- **Two Biblical words for ‘love’ are ‘agape’ and ‘philos’.**
 - ‘agape’ – “obediently doing what the Lord prefers.”
 - ‘philos’ – “a loving friend.” (+*adelphia* = ‘brotherly love’)**How are these word similar? How are they different?**
- **Read Romans 12:10.** Some translations use the word ‘affection’ for ‘brotherly love’. What kind of ‘affection’ is fitting for ‘brotherly love’?

LIVING OUT

- **What can you do to improve your ‘brotherly love’ to the Family of Faith?**