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WHY FAMILY IS IMPORTANT TO GOD?

- “ Family is the first institution made by God, since family was God’s creation, and it’s the first and most fundamental of all human institutions, it’s no surprise that the enemy constantly attacks and undermines it.”

THE BOOK OF JOHN EMPHASIZES SPIRITUAL FAMILY, LOYALTY, AND RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN GOD'S HOUSEHOLD.

- 1. JOHN 2:1-12 THE WEDDING AT CANA.
- “ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

1. GOD USES ORDINARY FAMILY MOMENTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSES.

- A. A simple wedding became the setting for Jesus' first miracle.
- B. Your everyday family events, gatherings, dinners, crises can become places where God shows up.
- C. Don't underestimate the power of God's presence, prayer, and kindness in small moments.

2. TENSION IN FAMILY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.

■ JOHN 7:3-5

- “³ Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

2. TENSION IN FAMILY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.

- A. Jesus' own siblings didn't understand or believe in Him at first.
- B. Faithful obedience to God may not always bring instant unity in your family.
- C. It's okay to hold to your convictions even when your family misunderstand you - Jesus did.

3. HONOR YOUR FAMILY, EVEN WHEN YOU ARE HURTING.

- JOHN 19:26-27

- “²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman,^[b] here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”

3. HONOR YOUR FAMILY, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HURTING.

- A. Jesus was suffering on the cross, yet He took care of His mother-making sure she would be looked after.
- B. This teaches us to prioritize love and care for family, even in times of personal difficulty.
- C. Caring for your parents can be part of our spiritual calling. (Jesus creating a new Spiritual family)

3. HONOR YOUR FAMILY, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HURTING.

- This wasn't just care; it was symbolic. Jesus was showing that in Him, a new kind of family is formed - a spiritual family bound not by blood, but by belief.
- John would treat Mary not just as a favor to Jesus, but as his own Spiritual mother, and Mary would treat John as son in the faith.

4. BECOMING CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH.

- JOHN 1:12-13

- “¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

4. BECOMING CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH.

- 1. If your biological family is distant, broken, or strained, this passage affirms that you are part of God's family through faith.
- 2. You are not alone. In Christ , you belong to spiritual family where God is the Father and other believers are brothers and sisters.
- 3. This can encourage those who feel disconnected from earthly families.

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- Ephesians 6:4
- ⁴ Fathers, ^[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. NIV
- ⁴ Fathers, ^[c] do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. NLT

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■ EPHESIANS 6:4

- ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. NKJV

CONCLUSION:

MATTHEW 12:48-5-

- ⁴⁸ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” ⁴⁹ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”