

THE CHURCH AS A FAMILY

TENDER, LOVING CARE



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Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together.

³⁵ And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him:

³⁶ "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

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Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB)

³⁷ He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command.

³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB)

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

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John 13:34-35 (CSB)

³⁴ "I give you a new command: Love one another. ***Just as I have loved you***, you are also to love one another.
³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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Jesus commands us to love one another.

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Romans 12:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be *sincere*. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

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Galatians 6:2 (CSB)

Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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Ephesians 4:31-32 (CSB)

³¹ Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice.

³² And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

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Ephesians 5:1-2 (CSB)

¹ Therefore, **be imitators of God**, as dearly loved children,
² and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

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Colossians 3:12-14 (CSB)

¹² Therefore, **as God's chosen ones**, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,

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Colossians 3:12-14 (CSB)

¹³ bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.

¹⁴ **Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.**

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We are called to love like Jesus loves.

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Galatians 6:10 (CSB)
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who *belong to the family of believers*.

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We are called to act.

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James 2:14-16 (CSB)

¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

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John 3:16 (CSB)

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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Philippians 2:1-4 (CSB)

¹ If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,
² make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

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Philippians 2:1-4 (CSB)

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

⁴ **Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.**

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Put others ahead of yourself.

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Galatians 2:20 (CSB)

I have been crucified with Christ, and **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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James 5:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should **call for the elders of the church**, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

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James 5:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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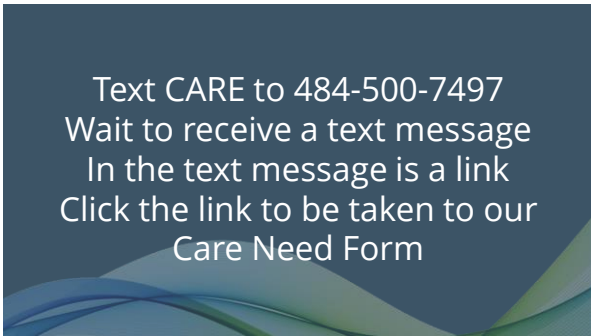
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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, **so that you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous person is **very powerful in its effect**.

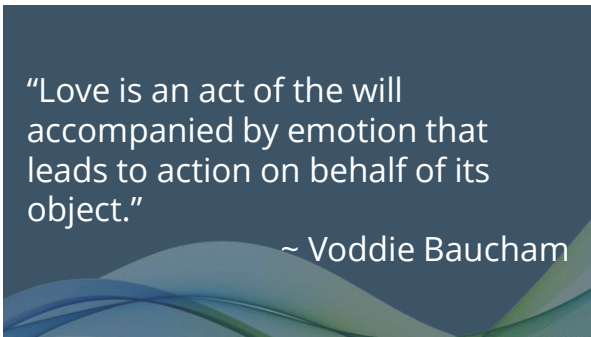
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1 John 4:21 (CSB)

And we have this *command* from him:
The one who loves God must also love
his brother and sister.

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1 Peter 4:8-11 (CSB)

⁸ Above all, maintain constant
love for one another, since love
covers a multitude of sins.
⁹ Be hospitable to one another
without complaining.

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1 Peter 4:8-11 (CSB)

¹⁰ Just as each one has received a gift,
use it to serve others, as good stewards
of the varied grace of God.

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1 Peter 4:8-11 (CSB)

¹¹ If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from **the strength God provides**, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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"If we claim that the gospel has the power to change lives, then our care for one another is one of the things that proves it."
~ Mike McKinley

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