



## These Are My Brothers: The Great Promise

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How does Jesus define His relationship with us?







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This pattern has two parts:

 **Hearing** - receiving and \_\_\_\_\_ God's messages.

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**Romans 16:25-26** (NIV) **25** Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, **26** but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to **the obedience that comes from faith...**

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The family hears and obeys God. That's the condition.

### Prayer

Father, I'm so glad I am part of Your family. Remind me of our committed relationship this week. Speak a word to me as I seek You. Bless me to hear and give me the strength to obey. I ask in Jesus' name, Amen

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