

Welcoming Brothers & Sisters

Warmth of Family

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God is our Father...

- **See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1a**
- **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Rom 8:16**
- **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. Eph 5:1**



Jesus is our Brother...

- **For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers. Heb 2:11**
- **Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest. Heb 2:17**
- **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34**

We are one Family...

- **So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God Eph 2:19**
- **Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another 1 Thess 4:9**
- **By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 1 John 13:34**

2 Thessalonians 3:6–8

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from **any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition** that you received from us.

For **you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us**, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:9–12

It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

2 Thessalonians 3:13–15

As for you, **brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.** If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and **have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.**

Some Family counseling ...

- **Consciously acknowledge spiritual family**
- **Reach out to build new connections**
- **Build relationships slowly and consistently**
- **Trust God's Spirit – He is the Spirit of our unity in Christ**