

# REVIEW

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- So far we have seen 4 hurdles to harmony and 4 ways to overcome them:
  1. Directionless- We need a Vision
  2. Busy-ness- We need to learn the strategic 'NO'
  3. Careless- We need to use words to build up
  4. Lifeless- We need to resolve conflict & forgive









# CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY

*Family Anthem: Week Five*

CONNECTIONLESS- WE NEED TO BE KNOWN AND LOVED

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When it comes to a family who is following Jesus together, what is it that makes a family truly close-knit in God's eyes and the eyes of others? How can we get it real in our family?

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- We seek to lead every member to genuine faith in Jesus Christ-  
**SAME DIRECTION**
  - We want every member committed to their family- **IDENTITY**
  - We want each one fulfilling their role in the family-  
**PARTICIPATION**
  - We want each one being fully known and truly loved in this family-  
**BELONGING**



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“But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

**TIM KELLER**

*The Meaning of Marriage*

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## PSALM 139

1. God knows me and loves me even if I don't yet know myself- Verses 1-3
  - A. When we were younger we identified ourselves by our activities.  
But it was unstable.
  - B. Even now we cannot always explain why we think or feel this or that.  
Shouldn't we know ourselves perfectly by now? God knows us.



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## PSALM 139

2. God knows me and loves me even if my family can only know me so far— verse 13

A. Proverbs 20:5 says, “The purpose in a man’s heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.” Our family helps us untie knots by pulling on threads...



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## PSALM 139

3. God knows me and loves me even when I am afraid to be known. May our families reflect the Lord in this!— Verse 17-18

A. Haven't we all wondered that if we're fully known we might not be fully loved? Or if we're fully loved we're afraid it's because we're not fully known?



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- We cannot hide from God what He already knows.
  - Oftentimes the darkness we feel from what we've done, or what was done to us, is too much for God to look into. But it isn't- verses 11-12.
  - We wonder if we were fully known, would we be fully loved by God or others. Psalm 139 gives a resounding "Yes!" to this longing in us all. (Verse 14) Thanksgiving is our proper response!



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“To be known more wholly than we can know ourselves. To be known more deeply than others can know us. This is the knowing with which God knows us. But do not be afraid...for He loves us wholly still.”

**KELLY MINTER**