

FAMILY TIES

MATTHEW 12:46-50

I. Jesus acknowledged that biological family ties require proper _____ .

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. v. 46

Honor the Lord by the way you honor your family.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-4

II. Jesus established a new kind of family tie based on _____ .

But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" vv. 48-49

Honor the Lord by the way you honor your spiritual family.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

III. Jesus based His closest family ties on those who shared His heavenly _____ .

"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." v. 50

Honor the Lord by the way you obey your heavenly Father.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever ..." John 14:15-16

THE FATHER'S WILL FOR FATHERS

Love your God _____ .

Love your wife _____ .

Love your children _____ .



1. In this *Standing Up* series of our book of Matthew study, what have you learned about Jesus, and how has that shed light on who God is?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 12:50

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

JOURNAL:

Matthew 12:46-50

“Even being a member of Jesus’ own earthly family did not merit salvation by virtue of that relationship. Jesus’ invitation therefore extended to His natural mother and half brothers, because they, too, needed to be saved from sin. Apart from personal faith, they were no more spiritually related to Him than any other human being. ‘All of those, and only those, who believe in Me are spiritually related to Me,’ He was saying, *For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.*”

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2. Read Matthew 12:46-50. How did Jesus respond to His mother and brothers? Why did He respond this way?

3. What implications does Jesus’ response to His family have for you personally? (See also Eph 6:1-4; 1 Tim 5:8; Matt 10:34-39).

4. How was this sermon encouraging for those of us whose earthly father is not what we wish he would be? What about those who have a good father who isn’t perfect?

5. What steps can you take to ensure that your family ties do not hinder God’s will for you, while at the same time honoring them and fulfilling your responsibilities?

JOURNAL Matthew 12:46-50

J. Vernon McGee writes: *“The Lord is saying that the strongest relationship today is the relationship between Christ and a believer. If you are a child of God and you have unsaved family members, you are closer to Jesus Christ than you are to your own kin, including the mother that bore you. You are more closely related to other believers than you are to unsaved members of your family. This is tremendous! He is talking about a new relationship.”*

How do you respond to these statements? How does it encourage your walk with the Lord?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY Today is a special day for all the dads, and we’d like to wish each of you a happy Father’s Day! We know that you work hard to provide, do jobs nobody else wants to do, and pursue God as you walk out of worship each week striving to be a spiritual leader. Thank you for all you do!

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY If you’d like to learn more about our Global Missions Ministry and how you can support the persecuted church, then join us today in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m.

KIDSCAMP TO GO KidsCamp is the best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. This year you can take the fun to your backyard! KidsCamp To Go is an outreach opportunity to host your own KidsCamp at home. When you sign up, you’ll get a box with all supplies and teaching materials included. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS MINISTRY Are you looking for a place to serve this summer? Our Kids Ministry is an incredible place to grow in your own faith and pour into the lives of the next generation. You will see firsthand the gospel take shape and root in the hearts of every child that walks through our doors. You won’t want to miss what God is going to do this summer! To learn more, email childrens@christchapelbc.org.

WOMEN IN THE WORD: HEART OF THE HOME Some might say the kitchen, the family room or the back porch is the heart of the home. But *who* is the heart of the home? This summer we’ll enter five homes Jesus visits and watch what happens when He is the heart in each one. Join Women in the Word this summer and be inspired to welcome Jesus as the heart of your own home. Join us Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register at ccbcfamily.org/events.

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