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"REAL RELATIONSHIPS" EPHESIANS 4:14-16



THE MESSAGE BIBLE

14-16 NO PROLONGED INFANCIES AMONG US, PLEASE. WE'LL NOT TOLERATE BABES IN THE WOODS, SMALL CHILDREN WHO ARE AN EASY MARK FOR IMPOSTORS. GOD WANTS US TO GROW UP, TO KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH AND TELL IT IN LOVE--LIKE CHRIST IN EVERYTHING. WE TAKE OUR LEAD FROM CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING WE DO. HE KEEPS US IN STEP WITH EACH OTHER. HIS VERY BREATH AND BLOOD FLOW THROUGH US, NOURISHING US SO THAT WE WILL GROW UP HEALTHY IN GOD, ROBUST IN LOVE.

OBJECTIVE

- TO HELP YOU MATURE AND UNITE IN UNDERSTANDING THE FAMILY OF GOD.
- ***FAMILY OF GOD:*** A BODY OF BELIEVERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION WITH A DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO LIVING

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- **BIOLOGICAL FAMILY:**

THE NATURAL FAMILY WE ARE BORN INTO; THIS FAMILY REQUIRES, MATURITY, UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 4:7

- **GOD FAMILY:**

THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY WE ARE BORN INTO; THIS FAMILY REQUIRES, MATURITY, UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING.





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VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP:

- ✓ REPRESENTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

IT'S UP AND DOWN.

HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIP:

- ✓ REPRESENTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE.

IT'S LEFT TO RIGHT.



This Is Us Points Of Power

- ✓ *YOUR VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AFFECTS YOUR HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE.*
- ✓ *WHEN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH WITH YOUR FAMILY, ONE OF TWO THINGS WILL HAPPEN. WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH WILL CHANGE THE WORD OR THE WORD WILL CHANGE WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH.*

GENESIS 1:27-28 JOHN 4:5-18

Four Things To Know About Real Relationships

➤ *OUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONAL NEEDS CAN ONLY BE MET BY GOD.*

1. ACCEPTANCE 2. IDENTITY 3. SECURITY 4. PURPOSE

➤ *JESUS EMPOWERS US TO LOVE PEOPLE.*

➤ *WITHOUT GOD OUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE SET UP FOR FAILURE.*

➤ *WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD PERSONALLY.*

JOHN 4:28-30