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Sunday, January 27, 2013

“FORMED FOR GOD’S FAMILY”

(Ephesians 1:5)

God wants a family and He created you to be a part of it. This is one of God’s purposes for your life, which He planned before you were born. The entire Bible is the story of God building a family who will love Him, honor Him, and reign with Him forever. The trouble is we often choose to live outside God’s plan. We experience troubles, hurts, and loneliness that may be self-inflicted. As a result we can miss out on the blessed relationships God intends for us. How then should we live as members of the family of God?

“And God himself has commanded that we must love not only him but our Christian brothers and sisters, too” (1 John 4:21, NLT).

LEVEL 1: _____: CHOOSING TO BELONG.

“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (Romans 12:5, NIV).

LEVEL 2: _____: LEARNING TO SHARE.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another” (Hebrews 10:25, NIV).

LEVEL 3: _____: DOING MY PART.

“We work together as partners who belong to God” (1 Corinthians 3:9, NLT).

LEVEL 4: _____: LOVING BELIEVERS LIKE FAMILY.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10, NIV).

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34, NIV).

“Anyone who does not obey God's commands and does not love other Christians does not belong to God” (1 John 3:10, NIV).

“For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20, NIV).

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“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 1:5, NLT).

“Love your spiritual family” (1 Peter 2:17, The Message).

“And God himself has commanded that we must love not only him but our Christian brothers and sisters, too” (1 John 4:21, NLT).

“I’m writing so that you’ll know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church” (1 Timothy 3:14-15, NCV).

LEVEL 1: MEMBERSHIP: CHOOSING TO BELONG.

“You are citizens together with those who belong to God. You belong in God’s family” (Ephesians 2:19, NLT).

“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (Romans 12:5, NIV).

“This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized. Each of us is now a part of His resurrection Body” (1 Corinthians 12:13, The Message).

LEVEL 2: FRIENDSHIP: LEARNING TO SHARE.

“It is not good for man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18, NIV).

“Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15, NKJV).

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another” (Hebrews 10:25, NIV).

LEVEL 3: PARTNERSHIP: DOING MY PART.

“We work together as partners who belong to God” (1 Corinthians 3:9, NLT).

LEVEL 4: KINSHIP: LOVING BELIEVERS LIKE FAMILY.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10, NIV).

“We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And we ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters” (1 John 3:16, NLT).

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34, NIV).

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