

Faithful Family

RELATING TO ONE ANOTHER AS GOD RELATES TO US



By becoming our family, God helps
fill the emptiness and mend the brokenness
that we've both EXPERIENCED and CAUSED.



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The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

- Do good works to bring glory to “**your father**” in heaven (5:13-16).
- Loving your enemies is evidence you are sons of “**your father**” (5:43-48).
- Be generous and do good to please “**your father,**” not people (6:1-4).
- Pray as if you’re speaking privately to “**your father,**” not performing for people (6:5-15).
- Fast to be seen by “**your father**” (6:16-18)
- Don’t worry, trust “**your heavenly father**” to care for you (6:25-34)

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Matthew 7:7-8

English Standard Version

⁷ “**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.



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Matthew 7:9-11

English Standard Version

⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for **bread**, will give him a **stone**? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a **fish**, will give him a **serpent**? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!**

A silhouette of a family consisting of an adult and two children walking across a grassy hill. The adult is on the left, pointing towards the horizon. The children are walking to the right, one slightly ahead of the other. The background is a soft, hazy sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones.

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Jesus **SHARES SONSHIP** with us



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Romans 8:14-15

English Standard Version

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**.

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received **the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”**



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Romans 8:16-17

English Standard Version

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, ¹⁷ and if **children**, then **heirs—heirs** of God and **fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



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Romans 8:18-19

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¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits **with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.**



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Romans 8:20-21

English Standard Version

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and **obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**



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Romans 8:22-23

English Standard Version

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly **as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

A silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children walking across a grassy hill. The man is on the left, pointing towards the horizon. The woman is on the right, holding the hand of a small child. Another child is walking between them. The background is a soft, hazy sunset sky with clouds.

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Galatians 3:23-24

English Standard Version

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

²⁴ So then, **the law was our guardian** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.



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Galatians 3:25-26

English Standard Version

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for **in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God**, through faith.



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Galatians 3:27-29

English Standard Version

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

A silhouette of a family consisting of an adult male, an adult female, and two children walking together on a grassy hill. The adult male is on the left, pointing towards the horizon. The adult female is on the right, holding the hand of one of the children. The children are in the middle, holding hands. The background is a dark, cloudy sky with a hint of sunset or sunrise light.

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1 John 3:1

English Standard Version

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.



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1 John 3:2

English Standard Version

² Beloved, we are **God's children now**, and what we will be has **not yet** appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



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Embracing God as Father helps us
let go of many **unrealistic expectations**
we've placed on our **fathers,**
surrogate fathers, and **ourselves.**



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