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We should also take comfort in knowing that Jesus recognizes us as His family when we align our lives with His teachings. His affirmation reaffirms our value and purpose within His spiritual family. We become heirs to the promises of God, just as children inherit from their parents.

Moreover, being part of this divine family compels us to share this understanding with others. It ignites a mission within us to reach out to those who may feel disconnected or estranged from the family of God. We hold the responsibility to bring those who are beyond the family fold into the warm embrace of Christ's teachings, inviting them to hear and do the Word. Each person that comes to faith through our witness adds another layer to the fabric of the family Christ is weaving.

As we meditate on Luke 8:21, let us recommit ourselves to being faithful hearers and doers of the Word, intentional in our approach to living out the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. May our lives be a testament to the inclusivity and love that belongs to our true family in Christ. The church becomes a beautiful mosaic of diverse yet united individuals, all bound together by the truth of God's Word, collectively embodying the heart of Christ in a world longing for genuine connection.

Lift Up in Prayer

We lift up global leaders—the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, and Iran—as they face complex challenges. We pray for those battling illness: Archie on his recovery journey; Yu Bedwell's uncle and Scott Roeske, both fighting cancer; Isra's friend Rosales, who needs healing and may require a two-organ transplant; Jonathan's wife, currently undergoing chemotherapy; Joseph W. Kilishek, facing a terminal illness; and Jacinth, recovering from her previous operation. Lord, surround each with strength, peace, and comfort. We ask that David's four children be led to salvation, with hearts of faith and spirits of obedience. Bless Alondra and her pregnancy with health and success throughout this journey. We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Patrick Johnson, who passed on 4/19/26, and ask for comfort for his loved ones. In Jesus Name, Amen.

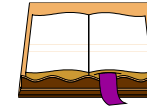
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

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Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31)

The True Family of Faith

By Francis Schaeffer

In the Gospel of Luke, we encounter a profound moment where Jesus redefines the concept of family and kinship. Luke 8:21 states, "And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it." This verse invites us into a deeper understanding of our relationship with Christ and what it means to be part of God's family.

In the context of this passage, Jesus is speaking to a crowd, and (as we often see in the Gospels) His biological family, including His mother and siblings, is outside, perhaps seeking to speak with Him. However, instead of acknowledging them in a conventional sense, Jesus elevates the spiritual bonds of allegiance to Him and His teachings above familial ties that are often dictated by blood. **(Continue page 2)**

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This poses a critical question for us: What does it mean to be a member of the family of God? Jesus makes it clear that to be counted among His family, we must first hear the Word of God. This element of hearing denotes an active engagement with the Scriptures, listening intently to the truth being revealed through God's Word. It is not merely a passive hearing, like listening to a song in the background while you go about your day; it is a focused and intentional act that draws us into communion with God's will.

But hearing is just the beginning. The latter part of the verse states, "and do it." This is where Jesus emphasizes that true discipleship goes beyond acknowledgment and comprehension. It requires action. To hear God's Word is to understand His commandments and teachings; to do them is to live them out in our everyday lives. The two are inseparable in the journey of faith. As James 1:22 reminds us, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Our understanding of family as defined by Jesus revolutionizes not only our personal relationships but the church family. It compels us to look beyond biological ties to embrace a more expansive view of kinship. In this new family of faith, we share a bond that transcends race, culture, and socio-economic status. We are united in our obedience to God's Word and in our commitment to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This call to family is rewarding yet challenging. It invites us to reflect on our loyalties and priorities. Are we nurturing our connection with Christ by hearing His Word daily? Are we embodying His commands in our interactions with others? Are we living in such a way that exemplifies the love of Christ to those around us?

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News: We will have a congregational fellowship luncheon on May 3 at 12:45 PM at the Sentry Mall Food Court. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship. Please feel free to bring your friends and family! There will also be a designated offer to Malcolm Parsley's works in South Korea on May 3, 2026.

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