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His message holds a dual purpose: it enhances the call to love one's earthly family while compelling us to reach out to the wider world.

In essence, Luke 8:19 invites us into a sacred dialogue about our priorities. When we feel the pull of our earthly obligations, we should remember that Jesus often operated on the fringes of societal expectations. Are we willing to embrace our spiritual family in Christ, sometimes at the cost of earthly ties and understandings? This passage encourages us to be rooted in a faith community — to hear the Word and do it, as part of our vast family, gathered not by blood but by spiritual adoption.

As we ponder upon this scripture, let's ask ourselves: how can we rearrange our priorities to better align with Christ's definition of family? Let us pray for courage to foster these relationships and stay focused on His calling amidst the world's distractions.

Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, and Iran as they navigate complex challenges. Archie, as he embarks on his recovery journey. Yu Bedwell's uncle, as he undergoes cancer treatment. Peace in the United States. Isra's friend Rosales, who faces significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant. We come before you with humble hearts, asking for your loving care and healing power for Patrick Johnson. Surround his family with your protection and peace, granting them resilience and hope through each day. Please grant Brother Ganett balance in all aspects of his life—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Scott Roeske was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Pray for strength, healing, and comfort for Scott and his loved ones during this difficult time. Please lead David's four children to salvation, granting them a heart of faith and a spirit of obedience. We also pray for David's wife, that she may be assigned to a smaller school and carry out her responsibilities as vice principal with wisdom and faithfulness. Lord, we lift Alondra and her pregnancy; grant her health and success throughout this journey. We ask for Your blessing on Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation. We come before You today with heavy hearts to lift Jonathan's wife. Lord, we pray for Your divine healing hand to be upon her body as she undergoes chemotherapy. In Jesus Name, Amen.

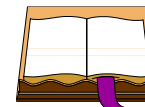
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

Camp Humphreys Pacific

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)

When Family Meets Faith

By Francis Schaeffer

The world we live in often places a high value on family, a sentiment deeply in-grained in our culture and societies. We celebrate family bonds, traditions, and the love that flows through those relationships. However, when we turn to Scripture, particularly in Luke 8:19 where it states, "Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press," we are invited to explore a deeper understanding of what it means to prioritize our spiritual family over our earthly one.

In this instance, Jesus is found amidst a great crowd. The pressing throngs around Him symbolize not just physical barriers, but also spiritual distractions. His mother and brothers, coming to see Him, represent human relationships that can both uplift and weigh us down. Here, the term 'press' serves dual purposes; it signifies the literal gathering of people around Jesus and the metaphorical pressures that often arise from familial expectations and societal norms. **(Continue page 2)**



News: Men of the congregation are invited to a Men’s Business Meeting on April 26, immediately following our worship service. Please make plans to stay as we discuss upcoming work, needs, and opportunities for the church family. Your participation is appreciated as we strive to serve faithfully together. There will be a designated offer to Malcolm Parsley’s works in South Korea on May 3, 2026.

(Continue) It prompts us to reflect: How often do we feel constrained by our ties to our earthly families? And more importantly, what does it mean to embrace our spiritual family in Christ, sometimes at the risk of neglecting our earthly bonds?

As believers, we are called to recognize the tension that can arise between our devotion to Christ and our love for our families. In Matthew 10:37, Jesus says, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." This radical call sometimes brings sickening tension. Jesus' acknowledgment of His own family's struggle to reach Him amidst the crowd is a reminder that our relationship with Him may diverge from our attachments to earthly family ties. His ministry and purpose frequently drove Him into situations that conflicted with the expectations of those closest to Him, leading to moments of misunderstanding and conflict.

From a practical standpoint, Jesus’ response to His family’s struggle to reach Him has great implications for us today. As He continued to teach and heal, He highlighted a new way of belonging, one that surpasses physical kinship. In Luke 8:21, we read, "And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it." This assertion emphasizes the notion that true family is rooted in faith and obedience to God’s Word. Jesus redefines family, placing spiritual fellowship above all. It challenges each of us to evaluate our relationships — are they centered on Christ, or are they hindered by our desire for approval and acceptance in our earthly families?

Furthermore, having strong familial ties can sometimes lead us to overlook those whom God calls us to serve and love outside our family circle. As Christians, we are all challenged to extend our arms wide enough to include those in our communities, our assemblies, and even strangers as part of our spiritual family in Christ. **(Continue page 4)**

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