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We don't walk this path alone; scripture reminds us of the Church's role as a body, with each member serving a unique function (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). This is the beautiful reality of our Christian experience—we are called to disciple and be disciplined. Thus, those who share in the will of God are indeed our brothers and sisters, and we must cherish these relationships that empower us to live according to God's purpose.

As we reflect on Luke 8:20, let us evaluate our priorities. Are we elevating our spiritual relationships above worldly expectations? Are we dedicating ourselves to being actively involved in the lives of our spiritual family? Most importantly, do we acknowledge that ultimately, our allegiance to Christ should redefine every other relationship around us?

In our quiet moments, let us pray for discernment and strengthen our commitment to both our earthly and our spiritual families; recognizing that, through Christ, both can coalesce beautifully, but our bond with Him should remain at the forefront.

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. 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. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Patrick Johnson, who passed away this week. Please keep his loved ones in your prayers. In Jesus Name, Amen.

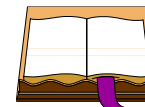
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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)

The Priority of Relationship

By Francis Schaeffer

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, we often find ourselves juggling many priorities—work, family, friends, and an array of commitments that demand our attention. We might envision our relationships as circles of influence over which we must maintain control, often letting external pressures dictate our focus. However, as followers of Christ, we are called to evaluate how relational dynamics reflect our adherence to His will. A profound moment of clarity appears in Luke 8:20 where it states, “And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.” This brief verse highlights a pivotal moment in Jesus's ministry and offers lessons on our priorities in relationships and the nature of spiritual family.

At first glance, we see a common scene—Jesus preaching to a multitude, and His own family desires to see Him. Those around Him communicate this need, perhaps expecting Jesus to stop everything and attend to His earthly family. But Jesus turns this moment into a profound teaching opportunity, where He reveals the nature of true kinship and belonging beyond mere biological ties. **(Continue page 2)**

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Herein lies the first vital lesson: our relationship with Christ supersedes earthly connections. While our families and friends shape us, it is our identification with Christ that defines us. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus expands on this theme when He replies, “Who is my mother, or my brethren?” (Mark 3:33). He then explains that those who do the will of God are His mother and brothers. This radical statement not only redefines family in the context of faith but also places immediate emphasis on discipleship and obedience to God’s word.

In our contemporary lives, this hash of prioritization can lead to tension. We may feel a strong obligation to our familial duties—after all, scripture also calls us to honor our parents (Exodus 20:12). Yet, we must also recognize that our alignment with Christ can sometimes bring conflict within our earthly relationships. The truth can be challenging; as we grow in faith, we may find ourselves leading distinct lives that can set us apart from those who do not share our beliefs. We are reminded in Matthew 10:34-36 that following Christ may lead to division: “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.” Understanding this verse encourages us to reevaluate the strength and nature of our relationships through the lens of faith, prompting a deeper commitment to those who foster a shared spiritual pursuit.

Furthermore, Luke 8:20 brings to light the importance of spiritual community. Jesus’s earthly family, while vital, was not the center of His ministry purpose. Instead, He formed a community—a new family composed of those who listened, believed, and followed Him. In our faith journey, we must cultivate relationships within our church communities, where we can mutually encourage and uplift one another.

In focusing on our spiritual family, we gather strength. **(Continue page 4)**



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.

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