



You're Family Now

1 Timothy 5

1 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. 3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.

In Matthew 12:46-50

46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

"All who follow Jesus are given his name. He loves them, he converses freely with them, he welcomes them to his table, he takes care of them, he sees that they have everything that they need. He's honest with them even when the truth is hard. He's committed to them through bickering, betrayal, and denial. When he died he left them a rich inheritance. And now that he's in heaven he keeps up a regular correspondence with them and has made a way to bring them all home."

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Psalms 68:5

Father to the Fatherless.

Psalms 9:9-10

A refuge for the oppressed and a defense for the needy in their distress.

Matthew 25:35

When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, 36 and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

37 Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? 38 When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear 39 or visit you while you were sick or in jail?"

40 The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."