



Jesus-Centered Family on Mission with Him

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CHURCH IS A FAMILY

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So then you are no longer strangers
and aliens, but you are fellow
citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

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But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”

Matthew 12:48

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And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

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For whoever does the will of my
Father in heaven is my brother and
sister and mother.”

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SHARING OUR LIVES

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HEART POSTURE #1: LOVE

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Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

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“You love your church to the extent
to which you love its most difficult
member.”

- Paul Washer

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**NEXT STEP #1:
SEE + RECEIVE CHRIST'S LOVE**

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HEART POSTURE #2: INTENTIONALITY

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HEART POSTURE #2: INTENTIONALITY

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**NEXT STEP #2:
SCHEDULE + SACRIFICE**

HEART POSTURE #3: PATIENT COMMITMENT

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HEART POSTURE #3: PATIENT COMMITMENT

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**NEXT STEP #3:
GET OFF THE FENCE**

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