

“Pretty much all the honest truth-telling there is in the world is done by children.” —Oliver Wendell Holmes

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“Children really brighten up a household—they never turn the lights off.” —Ralph Bus

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“The family. We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life sharing diseases and toothpaste, coveting one another’s desserts, hiding shampoo, borrowing money, locking each other out of our rooms, inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant, loving, laughing, defending, and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together.” —Erma Bombeck

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“Families are like fudge—mostly sweet with a few nuts.”

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### Pictures of the Church in the Bible...

Building	Ephesians 2:19-22
Body	Ephesians 4:15-16
Flock (or Fold)	1 Peter 5:1-2
Family	Ephesians 1:3-5 Ephesians 2:19 Ephesians 3:14-15 Ephesians 4:32-5:2 Ephesians 6:23

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### What Makes Families Strong?

- committed to the family
- spend time together
- have good communication
- express appreciation to one another
- have a spiritual commitment
- are able to solve problems in a crisis

—Nick Stinnett

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<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

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<sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people.

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And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:42-47 ESV

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Building Family is Important

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We build up God's family that we may lift up fellow believers and families to bear the image of God's grace, mercy and love in a world desperate for purpose and relationship.

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Building Family is Intentional

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### Building Family is Intentional

- > Acceptance Based on Grace,  
Not Performance

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### Building Family is Intentional

- > Burdens Shared Through Love,  
Not Obligation

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<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to  
you, that you love one another:  
just as I have loved you, you also  
are to love one another.

<sup>35</sup>By this all people will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.

—John 13:34-35 ESV

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### Building Family is Intentional

- > Encouragement Provided for  
Direction and Protection

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### Building Family is Intentional

- > Experiences Shared and Passed  
Along to Others

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### Building Family is Inclusive

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<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of  
slavery to fall back into fear, but you  
have received the Spirit of adoption  
as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba!  
Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears  
witness with our spirit that we are  
children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children,  
then heirs—heirs of God and  
fellow heirs with Christ...

—Romans 8:15-17a ESV

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