

Family

Matthew 12:46

Natural Family

- While Jesus was still talking to the crowd,
 - behold
 - his mother and brothers stood outside
 - wanting to speak to him
 - Mary, James, Joseph, Simon, Judas

Natural Family

- Someone told him
 - behold
 - your mother and brothers are standing outside
 - wanting to speak to you

Natural Family

- When his family heard about this,
 - they went to take charge of him,
 - for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

- Mark 3:21

Natural Family

- For even his own brothers did not believe in him.
- John 7:5

Natural Family

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord...Honor your father and mother”

- Eph. 6:1-2
- If anyone does not provide for his relatives...he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

- 1 Tim.5:8

Faith Family

- He replied...
 - Who is my mother and who are my brothers?
 - pointing to his disciples, he said
 - behold
 - Here are my mother and my brothers.

Faith Family

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

Faith Family

- the will of God
 - following Jesus in obedience
- How do we order our lives?
- What is our primary focus?

Faith Family

- the will of God
 - Do I allow the desires and expectations of others to dictate how I live?
 - Or am I first devoted to God?

Faith Family

- Father in heaven
 - This is our primary relationship.
 - Everything else flows from it.

Faith Family

- Father in heaven
 - he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else
 - in him we live and move and have our being
 - we are his offspring

- Acts 17

Faith Family

- Father in heaven
 - I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.
 - Eph. 3:14
- we are God's children...heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ
 - Rom. 8 :16

Faith Family

- brother and sister and mother
 - Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father.
 - Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.
 - 1 Tim. 5:1-2

Faith Family

- brother and sister and mother
 - How do I view fellow believers?
 - Do I treat them as well as my natural family?
 - Do I love them the way I love my natural family?

Faith Family

- brother and sister and mother
 - The family of faith is defined by the pursuit of God's will.
 - We are related by the blood of Jesus.

Family

- Honor your natural family.
- Pursue God above all others.
- Embrace your brothers and sisters in Christ.