



SPIRITUAL FAMILY

MATTHEW 12:46-50

PART 6 - NOT ASHAMED TO CALL YOU BROTHER

If we are going to say we are spiritual family, then we are saying we are living as the Son lived. Jesus was not ashamed to call us His brother, as He was fully aware of what He opened up for us to receive through His death and resurrection.

To be His brother. What an absolute honour. To what regard do we hold this dear in our hearts? What value do we give to the fact that we are His brother because of the Father we have?

Hebrews 2:11-12 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."

I love my earthly brothers and they have always had a very soft place in my heart. The affection I have for them is strong and I value their relationship and friendship with me dearly, but I am not in fellowship with them as my brothers. I am not doing the will of God with my brothers as their priorities and my priorities are completely opposite. This doesn't mean I don't love them as Christ loves me, but it does mean they are only my brothers through bloodline, the flesh and this is ultimately a perishing reality.

Isn't it amazing that although we may or may not have had a great family life with our natural family, we can start afresh with Christ as our brother and other brothers and sisters in Christ, who are of His kind. We get to be part of a family who are on the journey of being of the same mind of Christ, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

QUESTIONS

1. How does knowing that Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother influence your life?
2. How is Jesus being your brother so different from your natural flesh and blood being your brother?
3. Why is the passage in Philippians so powerful when it comes to being spiritual family?