

# **MSG: REVIVAL MENTALITY: FAMILY SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 12:46-50 NLT SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING**

## **Matthew 12:46-50 NLT**

**“As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you.” Jesus asked, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”**

## **REVIVAL MENTALITY**

### **FAMILY- We accept everyone with love & dignity**

You don't choose the family you're born into but you choose who becomes your Fam.

Your fam can either plod God's purposes in your life or propel God's purpose in your life.

But Family can be complex and complicated.  
Family can be healing and foster health.  
Or Family can be dysfunctional and unhealthy.

Bell Hooks said "To me the family has always been that place of familiarity that holds and hurts us".

## **Ephesians 2:19 NLT**

**“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.”**

James Baldwin said

"The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out".

So today Let's discuss the power of of the REVIVAL MENTALITY OF FAMILY...

## **1. FAMILY CENTERS DEVOTION**

### **Matthew 12:49 NLT**

**“Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers.”**

Devotion represents an ardent, unwavering loyalty and consecration of one's entire life to God, rather than merely a religious feeling

### **DEVOTION GIVES DIGNITY**

-Devotion is committed Love  
-Love dignifies!

### **DEVOTION GRANTS ACCEPTANCE**

**Galatians 4:7**

**“Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”**

**MLK said**

**"inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny"**

## **2. FAMILY CONTAINS DIFFICULTY**

**Matthew 18:1-3 NLT**

**“About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.”**

-The disciples are constantly showing their immaturity

### **DIFFICULTY EXPOSES IMMATURITY**

-Disagreement is expected.

### **DIFFICULTY STRENGTHENS UNITY**

-Arguments are Inevitable.

**Matthew 16:7-8 NLT**

**“At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread. Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, “You have so little faith! Why are you arguing with each other about having no bread?”**

**“Nobody wins when the family feuds.”**

**-Jay-Z**

## **3. FAMILY CELEBRATES DIVERSITY**

**Matthew 12:50 NLT**

**“Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”**

### **DIVERSITY BROADENS OUR PERSPECTIVE**

**Galatians 3:28**

**"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."**

**MLK said,**

**"We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools".**

### **DIVERSITY DEEPENS OUR COMPASSION**

**Revelation 7:9**

**"...a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne..."**

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**WHOSE READY TO BE APART OF THE REVIVAL FAM!**