

# Sacred Family Talk

Beyond the Surface

## Sacred Family

- Physical family
- Spiritual family

## Levels of Relationship

- Acquaintance
- Friends
- Good Friends
- Close Friends
- Intimate Friend

## Superficial

- Weather
- Sports
- News
- Chores
- Calendar

## Significant

- Interests
- Goals or dreams
- Struggles
- Strengths
- Spiritual Life

## Family Focus

“Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NLT)

## Family Bible

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the

holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NLT)

### Encourage and Build Up

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

### Practice Heavenly Love

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 (NLT)

### Make Room for Family Faults

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Colossians 3:13-15 (NLT)

### Deal with Errors

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

### Speak Truth in Love

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)