



Devotion Info
Belonging To The Family

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- What does fellowship with the brethren have to do with cleansing us from sin?

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- How would you describe the term "fellowship" that John uses to describe a relationship with God and with one another?

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- Why does John use "light" as a metaphor for God (v. 5), and what does that have to do with the way we live?

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- What aspects of our culture drive our desire to acquire more than we have?
- Can you think of any ways that this drive is spiritually healthy? What are they?

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DAY 5 Read 1 John 3:16, John 13:34-35, Matthew 25:40 & 18:20 & Hebrews 10:24-26

[16] This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 CSB

[34] "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 CSB

[40] "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40 CSB

[20] For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20 CSB

[24] And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, [25] not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. [26] For if we deliberately go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 10:24-26 CSB

- Pastor Korey said that belonging to the family demands both a choice and a commitment. How do 1 John 3:16 and Matt. 25:40, affirm this statement?
- What clarity does this statement give you in your Christian walk

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