

The Cross is a Gift

Cruciform Relationships

'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. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.**

And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 NLT

“God is building a home. He’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick. We see it taking shape day after day — a holy temple built by God, **all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.”**

Ephesians 2:19-22 The Message

Matthew 20:17-28

Acts 2:14

**“Whoever does not take up their cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.”**

Matthew 10:38 NIVUK

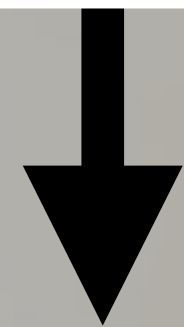
“What we call revival is simply New Testament Christianity, the saints going back to normal.”

Vance Havner

Family is a gift, but for some it's a nightmare.

Genogram of Lance's Family

Between parents/step-parents & siblings — 8 divorces



Alcoholism & Abandonment



Transform lives through love!

- 1. Experience God.**
- 2. Be family.**
- 3. Share love everywhere.**

A “Family Church Model” is how we best experience a sustainable revival and effectively pass it on to the next generation.

Remove what hinders love.

Necessary Attitudes for a Healthy Family:

- 1. Humility**
- 2. Hospitality**
- 3. Solidarity**
- 4. Mutuality**

Practices of a Healthy Family:

- 1. Pursue intimacy.**
- 2. Demonstrate honor.**
- 3. Live with integrity.**
- 4. Seek understanding.**
- 5. Communicate bravely.**
- 6. Practice intentionality.**

What do we do?

1. Remove what hinders love.

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