

NORTH HILLS NOTES

FAMILY MATTERS

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"In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Acts 2:44-45 (NIV)

FIVE WAYS TO MAKE OUR FAMILY MATTER

1. Meet FREQUENTLY.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:25 (GN)

"They worshipped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for communion, and shared their meals with great joy." Acts 2:46 (LB)

2. Relate to each other AUTHENTICLY.

"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it." Romans 12:9a (Message)

"We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes... keep everything... out in the open." 2 Corinthians 4:2 (Message)

3. Share the ups and downs of faith MUTUALLY.

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)

"If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble." Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

Three ways to build mutuality

1. Mutual ACCOUNTABILITY.

"Let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

2. Mutual ENCOURAGEMENT.

"(Speak) only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

"Encourage anyone who feels left out, help all who are weak, and be patient with everyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:14b (CEV)

3. Mutual HONORING.

"Take delight in honoring each other." Romans 12:10b (NLT)

4. Be full of SYMPATHY.

"As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient." Colossians 3:12 (GW)

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

"We who are strong in the faith ought to help the weak to carry their burdens." Romans 15:1 (GN)

5. Build the family through UNITY (OF PURPOSE).

"Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church... be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

