

# Made in Love 2 Connect #together

## Ephesians 5:22-6:4

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing<sup>[a]</sup> her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Fathers,<sup>[d]</sup> do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

*God please help us be a force of good in our families, always seeking to be sacrificially & humbly Spirit-led as Jesus is for us. We will not be weak in ignorance, laziness or apathy but strong in love, compassion and forgiveness so You Lord are glorified by our family's transformation. Help us love our family members and trust your ways over our own in Jesus' name, Amen!*

## Matt 12:46-50

### Jesus' Mother and Brothers

<sup>46</sup> While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. <sup>47</sup> Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

<sup>48</sup> He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” <sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

*God please help me be a great friend to all my friends, understanding that we have different lives and situations but common morals, experiences and interests that draw us together. Make me gentle and kind to those close to me and that I am comfortable around. Give me a heart of love, compassion and encouragement to support my friend the best way you would want me to. I ask for your eyes, ears and mouth to best see their needs, hear their thoughts and speak life into them in Jesus' Name.*

Though His friendships Jesus was exposed to a larger community everywhere he went. We too, as life situations change, meet new people, make new friends and are introduced to new communities. Let us see how Jesus connected with one along the sea of Galilee:

### **Matt 15: 29-39 Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand**

**<sup>29</sup> Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. <sup>30</sup> Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup> The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.**

**<sup>32</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."**

**<sup>33</sup> His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"**

**<sup>34</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.**

**"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."**

**<sup>35</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. <sup>36</sup> Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. <sup>37</sup> They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>38</sup> The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup> After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to**

*God please help me to be the best citizen in my community to my neighbors as Jesus and his disciples did in serving those in need, bringing opportunity for healing and forgiveness for the hurt and broken and feeding everyone who is hungry physically & spiritually in Jesus Name!*

### **Acts 2:42-47**

#### **The Fellowship of the Believers**

**<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**