Family Time

John Lasater · Acts 2:44–47

INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk a little bit this morning about how important family time is.
- And we really have to make the time. We can't just say, well, I'm just gonna do what's left over. But because it never comes around.

1 The Early Church Spent Time Together

Acts 2:44–47; 1 Corinthians 5:11

- Among the Jewish culture, where we find the early church arising, their work day was from dawn till dusk, and it was a six-day work week.
- Not only did they make time to be together on their assemblies, they spent time together apart from the assemblies.
- Now, all who believed were together. And they had all things in common.
- So continuing daily with one accord in the temple. And breaking bread from house to house.
- There's some value in us spending time eating our meals together.

2 The Value of Our Casual Interactions

James 1:22; 1 John 2:15

- Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.
- Sometimes we can almost get the impression that I'm the only one in the room who has challenges living for Christ.
- Do not love the world or the things in the world. Why would God have to tell us that?
- Make friends with people that have the same values. Spend time with people that appreciate things.
- But I have somebody that I knew was as serious about living for God as I was. You need those people.

3 Love the Brethren

1 John 2:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 2:9

- We don't stop and say how much we should appreciate our brethren for who they are.
- He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.
- Yes, they're sinners, yes, they have faults, they're dealing with struggles and problems, but Christ loved them. They're children of God.
- A relationship that is eternal that was provided for by God through the death of his son. Is that not more real?

- Since you have in obedience to the truth, purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren. Fervently love one another from the heart.

4 There's Some Accountability That's of Value

1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; James 5:16

- There's some accountability that's of value there. I mean, sometimes we do have weaknesses, and we need to be reminded of them.
- If there's not a relationship already established with somebody, that's going to be really hard to do.
- We can't do that with new Christians either. There are natural weaknesses that are there, and the devil knows it. They need encouragement.
- You don't know that much about people just because they show up on Sundays.
- There certainly should be someone that you can really talk to that will help you and help hold you accountable.

5 Bear One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:1–2

- Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- They can't take it away from him. But they can help him carry it.

THE CHALLENGE

Who will you spend time with this week?

MY NOTES