

Experiencing Community

A Second Family

Scripture reading: Ephesians 1:5-8

I. The Power of Family

II. The Renewed, Restored Family of God

- a. Giving Value: “We love you and won’t give up on you, even when you fail.”
- b. Enjoying Life Together: “Let’s enjoy life together *with gratitude* and *without sin*.”
- c. Encouraging Development: “We want to celebrate your God-given gifts, encourage you to develop them, and support you when you feel like a failure.”
- d. Bearing Burdens: When we bear one another’s burdens, we experience family as God intended.
- e. Sharing Joys and Sorrows: The beauty of God’s family is that we “mourn with those who mourn and rejoice with those who rejoice.”
- f. Giving Life to New Families: Healthy families give life to new healthy families.