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TITLE: **Why Treating Others Like Family Is Good News**

I hope you believe that every human was created in the image of God. (The Bible teaches us that.) While sin has separated us from God, his image and glory are never completely removed from humans. Therefore, we should all be treated with love and respect, as if we are part of the family – just as God treated us.

Here are 3 things to believe and consider about extending your family life with others...

1. **God has always seen you as his beloved child and part of his forever family!** He is your perfect father, and Jesus is your brother. Do you believe this? Regardless of how imperfect our earthly family may have been, we have a perfect, eternal family, and our position in that family is now secured by Jesus.
2. **Being a part of God's family comes with authority and privilege.** Live your life like a son or daughter of the King! Your Father owns everything and holds nothing back from you. This also allows you to live an outrageously generous life with others. And just as God shared his greatest, most valuable "asset" in his son Jesus, we too can share all of life with others, trusting God of our safety and every outcome.

*Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **You've been called his child!***

3. **Treating others like they are family is an extension of the Good News to others.** A place at your table is a place at our Dad's table. Sharing your resources, home, and time is sharing all that God has poured into your life for your pleasure (because he loves you!) and for his glory so that the world would know, love, and trust him.

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