

“Things Accomplished Among Us” (Luke 1:1)

Selected Reflections From Luke

The Lords’ Family

Luke 8:19-21

I’m reading from Luke 8:19-21.

Then His mother and his brothers came to Him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And He was told, ‘Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.’ But He answered them, ‘My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.’

All through the Bible and all through life experience, we discover and acknowledge the value of family. There is a natural inclination to have this close connection with people, and to cherish and depend on that. A family is a group of people related to each other by birth, by marriage, by adoption and affection.

Jesus was born into a family. Joseph and Mary were His parents. He had brothers and He was related to John the Baptist and others in His paternal and maternal family.

We have no doubt, He cherished those connections and nourished family affection. In this passage, His mother and brothers were trying to reach Him, but were hindered by the crowd. Someone told Him about their efforts. This gave Jesus an opportunity to identify his larger, spiritual family.

Listen to how He did that: “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

Do you want to be related to Jesus? Have you an interest in being a relative of Jesus Christ?

If so, here is a starting place. Hear the Word of God. Don't stop there. Jesus said, "hear the word of God and do it."

Open the pages of Scripture. Read on a daily basis. Read carefully to learn the plan of God to save sinners. As you read, take special notice of what you are told to do. And then, Jesus said, "do it." That activity of faith brings you into the family of God, the family of Jesus Christ.

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