

## The “Family First” Fallacy

### Fallacy:

- A deceptive, misleading, or false notion, belief
- That the world is flat was at one time a popular fallacy
- An unsound argument
- Erroneousness
- Any of various types of erroneous reasoning that render arguments logically unsound.

The “Family First” Fallacy may appear logically sound, but it is scripturally unsound.

### Abraham – The Father Of Our Faith

*Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup>Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. (James 2:21-23 NKJV)*

Did Abraham put Family First?

### Did Jesus Teach “Family First?”

*<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup>and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup>**He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. (Matthew 10:34-37 NKJV)***

*<sup>46</sup>While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. <sup>47</sup>Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” <sup>48</sup>But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” <sup>49</sup>And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and 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.**” (Matthew 12:46-50 NKJV)*

*<sup>21</sup>But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.” (Mark 3:21 NKJV)*

## **Who (or What) Is Your First Love?**

<sup>4</sup>*Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your **FIRST LOVE**.*

<sup>5</sup>*Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent...**(Revelation 2: 4-5)***

You can't have two first loves?

One will be first, and all others will fall in line somewhere after the first.

## **Family Before Ministry?**

Abraham was called the Friend of God because of his faith, and his faith led to his obedience. **(James 2:21-23)**

*You are My friends **IF** you do whatever I command you. **(John 15:14 NKJV)***

## **Do You Love Jesus?**

<sup>15</sup>*So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. **(John 21:15-17 NKJV)***

## **Putting God First**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **(Matthew 6:33 NKJV)***

*Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. <sup>2</sup>**His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. **(Psalm 112:1-3 NKJV)*****