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- •Jesus's brothers didn't believe in him.
- •Love starts at home and broadens out from there.
- •Jesus had already had performed multiple miracles and they still didn't believe.
- •The miracle of God happens when you share what he has given to you.
- •Stop asking God for more more more. Ask God to breathe on what you already have. God can bless the little that you have. Ask him to bless what you have.
- Matthew 10:36 "Your enemies will be right in your own household!"
- •Anyone who is close enough to Help you is also close enough to hurt you.
- •There's a vulnerability that we have when we serve people.
- •You'll be surprised how people will respond if you're just kind to them. Perfect love cast out fear.
- •Matthew 12:46-50 "As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you." Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!""
- Family isn't always blood.
- Family is truly bonding with people and not just staying together
- Family is sharing common values and practices
- Family is family whether it's the one you start out with, the one you end up with or the family you gain along the way
- Family is those who love, support, respect and care for one another no matter what.
- •There will be tension in family
- •The first conflicts in the Bible were familial
- •Yes you are your brothers keeper.
- •Don't be jealous of those who have more than you. Partner with them.
- •Genesis 37:1-5 "So Jacob settled again in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived as a foreigner. This is the account of Jacob and his family. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing. Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him. One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever."
- •Loose lips sink ships. Don't tell everything God is doing.
- •Numbers 12:1-9 "While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. They said, "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he spoken through us, too?" But the Lord heard them. (Now Moses was very humble—more humble than any other person on earth.) So immediately the Lord called to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam and said, "Go out to the Tabernacle, all three of you!" So the three of them went to the Tabernacle. Then the Lord descended in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the Tabernacle. "Aaron and Miriam!" he called, and they stepped forward. And the Lord said to them, "Now listen to what I say: "If there were prophets among you, I, the Lord, would reveal myself in visions. I would speak to them in dreams. But not with my servant Moses. Of all my house, he is the one I trust. I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles! He sees the Lord as he is. So why were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?" The Lord was very angry with them, and he departed."
- Cushites were black people. Moses had marry a black woman and his family wasn't happy about it.

- •The Lord was angry with his sister and she was afflicted with leprosy.
- •When God has something for you he will help you achieve it but you may have to wait for the help
- •Isaiah 30:18 "So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help."
- •Isaiah 54:13-17 "I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace. You will be secure under a government that is just and fair. Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace, and terror will not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it is not because I sent them. Whoever attacks you will go down in defeat. "I have created the blacksmith who fans the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction. And I have created the armies that destroy. But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"
- •God is Love and he created us as the objects of his affection
- •Psalm 68:5-6 "Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."
- •God is always drawn to hurting people. If there's a need God will fill it. If there's a hurt God will heal it.
- •Resentment You feel the pain all over again.
- •Resentment is hurting you not the person you resent.
- •The only way to get rid of it is to let it go.
- •Repent is a change of mind.
- Paranoia is the opposite of Metanoia. Metanioa is repenting
- •Whenever you have too much pain you try to get rid of it with pleasure which leads to addition that causes more pain.
- All sins are attempts to fill voids.
- •You have to be filled before you can feel the love.
- •Mark 5:24-34 "Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.""
- •The woman had daddy issues and Jesus calls her Daughter. Jesus was giving her a message that he was her father and protector. He also wanted her to realize that her touching him is not what made her whole. He reassured her that her faith made her whole.
- •God will use a right relationship to fix a wrong relationship.
- •The first Adam got us into the sin the last Adam the son of man Jesus got us out of the sin.
- •Jesus is waiting for us to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion.
- •God if I'm the problem fix me, if I'm not the problem protect me.
- Father let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.