

I Found - Week 1
I FOUND FAMILY
Hebrews 10:24-25 (TPT)

24 Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. 25 This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

It is this network of relationships strengthens us as a church, but more importantly it provides a home and a place of belonging for those who may not have the love and support of a traditional family.

The church is unique because the same people who help need help themselves.

When we accept the fact that we are all in this together, and that we need each other, we become stronger as individuals and stronger as a church.

For someone to know they are valued by God, they must first be valued by His people.

Everyone wonders about their value and their worth.

We inherently know that we are supposed to matter, that we are worth something, that we are valuable. It's part of our spiritual DNA.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

Psalms 8:3-5 (AMP)

When I see and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have established, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

The only way our value and worth is validated is through the actions of others.

Making a difference always begins with seeing the value in others, because when we see the value in others, they begin to see the value in themselves.

Philippians 2:3 (TPT)

3 Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves.

Matthew 25:34-45 (NKJV)

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

The value you place on others is the value you've placed on Jesus.

Are you going to live a life that opens doors for those who can't, or are you going to live a life where you let doors slam in the face of those who can't open it for themselves?

You may work your entire life and never make a million dollars; you can make someone feel like a million dollars.

Making a difference always begins with making time for others.

Making a difference always begins with making a place for others.

Making a difference always begins with making someone feel like they matter.

John 13:34-35 (AMP)

34 I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another."