

Dear woman, here is your son...here is your mother

Jesus was born into a family, with a long lineage and history. He did not exist in isolation or a vacuum but was raised in a family. Hebrews tells us he learned obedience. In the midst of his dying he took time, energy and attention to care for his family, both his spiritual and physical family.

Bryan shared in his message that this saying of Jesus highlights the importance of family ties. Furthermore, it teaches us to be faithful to our family members, both our physical and spiritual family members, as we show them care and love. Finally, Bryan highlighted that the strongest family ties are spiritual as we participate in the spiritual family that is the church.

During this devotional time spend time reflecting on your physical and spiritual family ending by praying for each part of your family.

1. Share about your physical family.
2. How are you caring for and loving your physical family?
3. What part of your love and care needs specific focus right now?
4. Share about your spiritual family.
5. How are you caring for and loving your spiritual family?
6. What part of your love and care needs specific focus right now?
7. What sort of love and care can God the Father show for you His child during this Lenten period?

Close in prayer by praying for your families, both physical and spiritual:

- Immediate family
- Extended family (include as extended as you would like to)
- Church family (include staff members, small group members, church prayer list)
- Global Christian family (missionary partners, suffering Christians, those working in unreached people groups)