

Love is Unity
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John 17:20-26
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Synopsis:

On this Mothers' Day, we celebrate the love our Mothers have for us; we think back and look into what hopefully was or is a loving family. But whether our families are the loving unity that they should be, the family of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is our true family. Today we look into the relationship Jesus has with the Father, a loving relationship into which we're drawn.

I.

The Loving Family

John 17:26 "So that the love with which you have loved me may be in them"

Mothers Day: Look into our families

- Some good
- Some not

Wonder Years: Barb and I have been watching lately

- Jack and Norma, three teenagers
- Episode:
 - New Stove
 - Raise, but travel
 - Gone Thanksgiving: "Mom, who's carving?"
 - Family upset
 - Kid's didn't know much about Jack and Norma's reln
 - Flew home for 1 hour on Thanksgiving
 - Watching Jack and Norma hug and kiss
 - Got to look on

*"We all needed to see this"

George Sheffer Jr: "If you want good kids, love your wife"

- kids drawn into love of parents
- we get to look on

We get to look on: Jesus' prayer in John 17

- Disciples overhear
- Get drawn into relationship of F-S-HS

Jesus prays to Father about us: READ 1-5

- About glory in relationship (1-4) = self-giving in death
- About eternal life (2b-3) = drawn into resurrection
- About love (26) = self-giving death and resurrection life

What does the relationship look like?

How do we get drawn in?

II.

Jesus' Prayer: Security

John 17:11 "Protect them in your name"

READ John 17:11-16

What is Protection/Security?

- lack of trouble? NO
- trouble gets you? NO
- *in world but not defeated by evil one (15)

Family Security:

- You live in the holy family
- Trouble YES
- Trouble gets you NO
- *You don't get defeated by the evil one

III.

Jesus' Prayer: Sanctity

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth"

READ John 17:17-19

Family Identity: How we become who we are

- McCrary family: Learn who we are

-Jesus' family: Learn who we are

Happens through Scripture Reading:

- Family devotions
- Daily Bible reading
- Bible in Hand classes

*If you belong to Jesus, you are already in the family.
Now, learn how to act like a family member.

IV.

Jesus' Prayer: Sent

John 17:21 "So that the world may believe that you have sent me"

READ John 17:18-23

- Father sent Jesus
- Father still sending Jesus through us
- We participate in the Jesus family, who goes
- *Kathi's family: Walkers: "We Walkers, walk!"

Jesus went/is going into the world

- READ 17:26 notice past and future
- Jesus family is the Walkers:

Here's what to do:

- we walk with our initiatives
- we walk into our neighborhood (*Velvet Elvis*--better parties!)