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EMBRACING THE NEW

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Matthew 12:46-50

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

You Are Not Alone - ___

IS THERE A WAY TO NAVIGATE ISSUES WHERE NO ONE COMPROMISES ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE?

John 17:20-23

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

#1 - _____ (1 John 2:18-23; 2 John 7-11)

#2 - A _____ (GALATIANS 1:6-9 VS REVELATION 1:5-6)

#3 - _____ (MATTHEW 18:15-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 5; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:14-15; JUDE 3-7)

#4 - A _____ (TITUS 3:10-11; 3 JOHN 9-10)

WE WILL GROW IN THE _____ AS WE LIVE THIS.

WE WILL BEAR WITNESS TO THE WORLD OF THE POWER OF _____.

IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.

WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A LOT OF MISTAKES.

IT'S GOING TO BE WORTH IT.

EPHESIANS 4:2-3

BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

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Have meaningful conversations with people, with whom you disagree about, the very thing you disagree about and see if you can do that in a loving manner, rather than create disunity based on avoidance have unity that is strong enough to sustain the weight of a conversation about something you disagree with, try and learn why they believe, what they believe.

See if you can articulate it back to them and understand it. Even if you don't affirm it.. practice being family that understands the diversity that's present.