

Living Like a Church Family (Part 2)

Philippians 2:1-4

The New Testament describes the church as the Family of God, with God as our Father, and our fellow church members as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As the Family of God called PFBC, God calls us to love one another as a spiritual family, work together in ministry, and do it as an expression of our love for Him, our Heavenly Father.

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Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (1 Cor.13:4-8a)

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- Acts 2:42-47

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Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you (1 Peter 5:5b-6).