

CONNECTED - Because Life Is a Team Sport
Message #6 "Connected with Family"

1 Thess. 2:6b-14a
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THREE THINGS ABOUT FAMILY

1. Family we are _____. **1 Thess. 2:6b-8**

"As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, ⁷ but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

Being part of a family means...

A. *Understanding family is a _____ not an _____.*

B. *Understanding that _____.*

C. *Understanding that a _____.*

"Moms, Dads, we are the premier visioncasters. We must paint a vividly clear picture in the minds and hearts of our children of what they can become in their character, conduct, and even their careers. We must pour into their spongelike souls a vision of what they could accomplish with their lives. After all, we see their potential far better than they do." Andy Stanley, Visioneering

2. Family we _____. **1 Thess. 2:9-12**

"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory."

What to look for with the family we choose...

A. People who are _____ -

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:25

B. People who are _____ -

C. People who will _____ -

3. Being part of a family _____.

1 Thess. 2:13-14a

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus..."

When you are part of a family you are...

A. Choosing to accept the _____.

B. Choosing to be _____.

C. Choosing to be _____.

"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love s He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will." Eph. 1:4-5

BIG QUESTIONS:

What family will you be a part of?

Are you letting God be the driver?