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Hebrews 13: Expressions of Faith in the Family of Faith

1. How strong is your love for others? How can you grow in your love?
 2. How well do you accept new people into your life? How can you grow in this area? Do you find joy in helping to care for visitors and strangers?
 3. Imagine what it would be like to be mistreated for your faith. Think of the encouragement of Christians standing with you during that time. Imagine being arrested because of your faith. Think of the encouragement of Christians caring for you during your incarceration. Pray for the persecuted church.
 4. How healthy is your intimacy in your marriage? (See I Corinthians 7:1-5). How pure is your thought life? Are you being tempted to be unfaithful to your marriage vows? **Quick** –find someone to encourage you and hold you accountable in this area - and memorize Hebrews 13:4. Do you have a friend who is being tempted in this area? Call them and encourage them today!
 5. Are you content with your material possessions? Would others describe you as content? Is money a constant worry for you? Is God’s promise an encouragement to meet your needs? Pray this Scripture –Hebrews 13:5-6.
 6. How well do you follow your spiritual leaders? What makes them worthy of imitation? What disqualifies them? How do you respond to their inevitable imperfections? How do you feel about the command to obey and submit to leaders? What are the potential risks and rewards of obeying that command?
 7. Are you unduly drawn to religious ceremonies? Why was Jesus treated like an “outsider” among religious people. Have you ever felt that way? How can we maintain the will to suffer with Jesus without having a “martyr complex”?
 8. In what sense is praise a “sacrifice”? How does the act of praise affect us? Others? The Lord?
 9. In what sense is sharing with others and doing good deeds a “sacrifice”? How does that affect us? Others? The Lord?
 10. Meditate on verses 20-21. Think/talk about how the God of Peace brings peace to your heart, your home, your world. Are you a channel of peace? Think/Talk about Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10), the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5), and the Great Shepherd (here). What does Jesus as Shepherd mean to you/us? In what way are you being equipped? Are your words and deeds and attitudes in life bringing pleasure to his heart and glory to his name?
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Faith Family Care

(1-3)

L_____ : Keep on Loving One Another (1)

T_____ : Take Care of Visitors (2)

P_____ : Remember them (3)

Faith Family Standards

(4-16)

M_____ : Honor Marriage (4)

M_____ : Be Content (5-6)

M_____ : Imitate your Leaders (7-8)

M_____ : Be Strengthened by Grace (9-14)

M_____ : Sacrifice the New Way (15-16)

Faith Family Leaders

(17-22)

O___ your Leaders (17)

P___ for your Leaders (18-21)

L_____ to your Leaders (22)

Greetings and Benediction

(20-25)

We receive p_____ and e_____

We are p_____ to him and give him g_____