

SERMON NOTES



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“God made me to have a family.”

Why God Made Me:

1. To love me
2. To have a family

Ephesians 1: 4 - 5 (NLT)

⁴ Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love. ⁵ His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!

- The highest expression of love is giving.
- Receive revelation that God wants you and me in His family.
- God chose us!
- God adopted us!
- People are longing to be belonging.
- Find the cure for feeling unloved and unwanted.
- Gives God great pleasure to fellowship with us.

Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

¹⁹ Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

- God's family is the church - a spiritual family.
- Your spiritual family will outlast your natural family.

James 1:18 (TLB)

¹⁸ And it was a happy day for him when he gave us our new lives through the truth of his Word, and we became, as it were, the first children in his new family.

Romans 8:15 – 16 (TEV)

- Declare we are God's children and we are in God's family.
- The church is God's great family.

Ephesians 3:14 (TLB)

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth.

- We need other people to fulfill our destiny.
- We need connections and relationships.

7 Reasons Why We Need a Spiritual Family:

1. Support one another
2. Encourage each other
3. Discover and use God's given gifts
4. To be made accountable to grow
5. Fulfill God's given purpose and plan
6. Be under spiritual protection
7. The church is a lab in learning how to love each other.

I Timothy 3:15 (AMP)

¹⁵ In case I am delayed, so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

- The local church is your foundation and support system.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the greatest expression of love?
2. What are the reasons why we need a spiritual family?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**Why God Made Me**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

