

# “THE FAMILY ROOM”

Luke 17:1-4 - Pastor Bruce French

## What are the realities of being a family member?

1. Family members will always face \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 17:1a
2. Family members must not lead others \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 17:1b
3. Family members who are culprits will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 17:2

**commit to:** *Being a person of* \_\_\_\_\_.

## What are the conditions of being a family member?

1. Injured family members must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 17:3
2. Repentant family members must be offered \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 17:4

**commit to:** *Being a person of* \_\_\_\_\_.

## Take Home Truth

The family room leaves room for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Today's Core Practice:

**Biblical Community:** I will fellowship with other Christians because God has called me to love and encourage others. (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)

### Today's Actions:

1. Complete today's Deeper Connection Study



## Deeper Connection

Jesus speaks with his disciples about matters of practical importance. One of the essential things Jesus emphasizes is the implications of living in Christian community and being mindful of how we impact others. What we say and do affects others.

*Today's Core Practice discussed: **Biblical Community***

### Read Luke 17:1-4

1. Why is there such a stern warning about causing someone to sin (vv. 1-3a; par. Matt. 18:6; Mk. 9:42)? How does Jesus liken the fate of such a person?
2. For whom is this warning? How does it highlight a major responsibility?
3. How does Jesus address the seriousness of sin and the need for people to forgive (vv. 3b-4; cf. Matt. 18:15, 21-22; Lev. 19:17)?
4. Why are the disciples commanded to rebuke a fellow Christian (v. 3b)? How and when should this occur?
5. How many times should forgiveness be offered? What is Jesus emphasizing here?
6. In what ways have you caused someone to stumble or sin? How did you take responsibility for it and make amends?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God that he forgives sin. Pray for your life to enrich and bless others in Christian community. Ask God to help you love others and excel in building up others.

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## Guidelines for Godly Living

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**F**ather's Day is a time to honor dads, but it is also a time that reminds us of our family relationships. Most people will acknowledge that their family is a little quirky, but usually their assumption is that they are the only ones with the weird uncle and the odd nephew. However, the fact is that all of our families are made up of quirky people because all families are made up of sinners.

This is true not only of physical families, but for spiritual families as well. Because of that common reality, the authors of Scripture provide some very specific guidelines for how we are to treat our family members. Paul declared, "We should look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others," (Phil. 2:4). James exhorted the family members, "don't show favoritism" (Jam. 2:1), and Peter stated, "love one another deeply from the heart" (1 Pet. 1:22).

Jesus also had a number of imperatives related to our treatment of our physical and spiritual families: "Don't judge" (Matt. 7:1); "Don't look down on one of these little ones" (Matt. 18:10); and "if your brother sins, rebuke him (Lk. 17:3). It is worthy of noting that the one thing that all of these commands have in common is: *we are responsible for each other!*