

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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“Why do I have to Hang Out with Other Christians?”

Psalm 133 (MESSAGE)

*How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!*

*It's like costly anointing oil
flowing down head and beard,
Flowing down Aaron's beard,
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.
It's like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.*

*Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,
ordains eternal life.*

*Whether we like it (others) or not,
in the Kingdom of God we are family!*

Fear and Avoidance of Family:

- Fear: Cain & Abel
 - getting rid of the distraction
- Hatred: The Prodigal Son
 - running from the distraction

Both surface in Individual PRIDE

Understanding what brings about Family:

- Welcome: INVITATION to Join
- Adoption: ACCEPTANCE of each other

These are the work of God within us.

What does Authentic Community really look like?

- It does not mean we all THINK alike.
- It does not mean we all LOOK alike.

- It does mean we all SHARE together.
- It does mean we all are RENEWED together.
- It does mean we all SEEK together.