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"WE ARE BRETHREN"

(Genesis 13:1 - 18)

INTRODUCTION - (v8) "So Abram said to Lot, Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brethren."

Abram offers a solution: (v9) "Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

One lesson is this: if something comes between us, how can we mortals, in the time of strife, turn to the other and say, "You take your choice, and I'll take what's left" and not complain?

BECAUSE "WE ARE BRETHREN" ...

1. LET US GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER - of all the people that cross our paths, we know our "family" better.

Likewise, in our church family, there should be interest in knowing one another better.

Here are some ideas: sit near one another in the assembly, come early and stay late, don't attend just one assembly, make it a point to speak to one you do not know well, review the Directory to become familiar with names, use every opportunity to be with brethren (work party, VBS, Bible class, area-wide events, etc.)

2. LET US "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" - (John 13:34-35) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: as I have loved you, that you also love one another ... "
(1 John 3:18) "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth"

Here are some ideas: (Zechariah 7:10) "... Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother" (James 4:11) "Do not speak evil of one another, brethren"
(Galatians 6:10) "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith"
(2 Corinthians 12:15) "I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls ... "

3. LET US STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER - (Luke 22:32) "strengthen your brethren"

Here are some ideas: (2 Thess. 3:1) "Finally, brethren, pray for us"
(1 Thess. 5:14) "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the faint-hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all"
(Galatians 6:2) "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"

4. LET US LIVE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER - (Psalm 133:1) "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Hear are some ideas: (Romans 2:10) "but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good" (Rms. 14:19) "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (Colossians 3:15) "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (2 Corinthians 13:11) "... live in peace ... "