

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

Belonging to God's Family

Matthew 12:46-50

May 10, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Matthew 12:46</b> While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. [48] But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" [49] And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! [50] For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."</p>	<p><b><i>Jesus redefines family around union with Himself, introducing the spiritual household of God.</i></b></p> <p><b>I. Our Earthly Family (46)</b></p> <p><b>II. Our New Family (47-50)</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2026-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 4:1-3</p> <p>[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,</p> <p>[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,</p> <p>[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Jesus redefines family around obedience to the Father rather than biology. How does this challenge or reshape the way you think about your relationship to the people in this church?
  
2. The sermon made the point that union with Christ creates a bond that rises above even the closeness of a biological family. Do you genuinely experience that kind of closeness with fellow believers? What gets in the way?
  
3. Christians (especially when under duress) call one another "brother" and "sister" as a reflection of both biblical truth and felt closeness. Is that language meaningful to you, or has it become routine? How might we recover its weight?
  
4. Discuss how Matthew 12:50 is answered by John 6:40.
  
5. Jesus' biological brothers didn't believe He was the Messiah until after His resurrection. Do you have family members or friends who think you're strange for your faith? How do you handle it?

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: