



**The Family Room:
The Tie That Binds**
There's an Elephant in the Room
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The Myth of the PERFECT Home...

GREAT Families of the Bible...

Family SECRETS: Abraham and Sarah

As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.

¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." Genesis 12:12-13 cf. 20:5, 26:7

Picking FAVOURITES: Jacob and Esau

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Genesis 25:27-28 cf. 37:3-4

Parental NEGLECT: David and Absalom

Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has that Amnon, your brother, been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother. Don't take this thing to heart." And Tamar lived in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman. When King David heard all this, he was furious. And Absalom never spoke to Amnon again; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar. 2 Samuel 13:20-22

SERMON

Not Because They Were Such Great PEOPLE...

Or Came from Such Great FAMILIES...

But Because They Had Such a Great GOD!

The Tie That Binds: We All Have Our DYSFUNCTIONS...

RELEASING the Tie That Binds

Never Give Up on GOD... He Never Gives Up on YOU!

The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. Genesis 39:2-4

Resist the Natural Reaction of BITTERNESS.

And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Genesis 45:2-3

God Works through IMPERFECT Families

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20