

58 series

Isaiah 58

Oh know family is coming to town

Isaiah 58: 6,7⁶ “No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.⁷ Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

4 principals on how God is asking us to deal with family.

1. Be Kind

I Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is **kind**. NIV

Matthew 7:1-5 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. NLT

Romans 2:1,4 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things...⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? **Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?** NLT

Ephesians 4:2 ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. NLT

2. Be praying

"Pray for those who persecute you," Matthew 5:44 NIV

Luke 22:31,32 ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." NLT

3. Be Forgiving

Luke 23:39-43 ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." NLT

Ephesians 4:31,32 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. NIV

4. Be optimistic

Matthew 19:26...with God everything is **possible.**" NLT