



HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

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The point at which you will be provoked is the point at which you will change and at which God will begin to build.

Constitution of the Household

¹⁵ *In these days, Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (and the number of names was about one hundred twenty), and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, it was necessary that this Scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to those who took Jesus.*

¹⁷ *For he was numbered with us, and received his portion in this ministry.*

¹⁸ *Now this man obtained a field with the reward for his wickedness, and falling headlong, his body burst open, and all his intestines gushed out.*

¹⁹ *It became known to everyone who lived in Jerusalem that in their language that field was called 'Akeldama,' that is, 'The field of blood.'*

²⁰ *For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation (homestead) be made desolate, Let no one dwell therein,' and, 'Let another take his office.'*

²¹ *Of the men therefore who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John, to the day that he was received up from us, of these one must become a witness with us of his resurrection."*

²³ *They put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.*

²⁴ *They prayed, and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen*

²⁵ *to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place."*

²⁶ *They drew lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*

Acts 1:15-26

Verse 17 "Portion" = inheritance given to you now (not in the future).

Note four things about Judas:

1. **V.20: Let his HOMESTEAD be made desolate.** First aspect of Judas' inheritance was his homestead.
2. **V. 20: Let another man take his OFFICE:**

Someone that functions as superintendent – as an inspector to bring relief or help. One who visits, inspects and provides covering. He is an overseer – an elder – providing covering.

3. **V.25 to occupy THIS MINISTRY:**

To produce serviceable labour; one who provides compassionate love toward the needy.

4. **V.25: to occupy THIS APOSTLESHIP:**

A dispatching or sending off; also a gift sent forth; the grace in you is the gift sent forth to the people.

Just because you call someone 'Father', it doesn't mean you understand 'Households of Faith'.

The more you become a servant – the more you become a King. The more you give your Isaac, the more you see Jehovah Jireh.

Judas' bowels gushed out = symbolic of losing all his grace to the ground.

Another Objective: Learn to banquet at the Lord's Table – Build an alliance of Relationships.

The mutual benefit is that each party needs the grace of the other. You relate to another for who they are, and not for what you can get.

For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16

The term 'Alliance' implies a union of relationships that assumes patriarchal connections. Heads of households came to David at Hebron, and then all of Israel became united. Then whole tribes were joined to David.

This is the joining of the sticks (Ezekiel 37) Ephraim and Judah joined. 'Joined' implies intimacy.

¹⁵ The word of the Lord came again to me saying, ¹⁶ And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, 'For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

¹⁷ Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick that they may become one in your hand.

¹⁸ When the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?'

¹⁹ Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.'

Ezekiel 37:15-19

Joining (*quarab*): To come close enough to touch, speak, etc. – highlighting proximity and intimacy.

We Have To Define 'FAMILY' In The Present Season.

⁴⁶ ***While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.***

⁴⁷ ***Someone said to Him, 'Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.'***

⁴⁸ ***But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, 'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?'***

⁴⁹ ***And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, 'Behold My mother and My brothers!***

⁵⁰ ***For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.'***

Matthew 12:46-50

You have to come to the place where you have no natural mother and father – like Melchizedek, you become without genealogy in the natural because you have been born from above.