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# RE- FLECTING GOD

## 03/25/11 - Who's Your Family?

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Luke 8:16-25

In Scripture, we see how Jesus dealt with stresses similar to our own. None is quite as poignant as our Lord's family relationships. Matthew records that following an encounter with his relatives, "Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake" (Matt. 13:1). We all could benefit by listening to God's voice by a lake. His prescription for stress was prayer and rest.

He also said, "Consider carefully how you listen" (v. 18). Whoever listens and continues listening will have many mysteries of the kingdom revealed. But those who listen less, have less revealed. Jesus is so sensible... way ahead of his time.

He embellished the point by comparing his kingdom's family values with his kinfolk's family values. Jesus once again is affirming a deeper truth. We are part of his family when we listen and "hear God's word and put it into practice" (v. 21b). Where are your family values?

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