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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**01/22/16 - Concern For God's Family**

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Philippians 4:1-20

Obviously, when I think of family, I think of my own. There is a natural concern that we have for each other. We love each other and want the best for each other. There is a sense that when one of us is facing a problem, we all share the burden. The family of God should be the same.

The apostle Paul expressed his love toward the Philippians in chapter 4, calling them his "joy and crown" and referring to them as those "whom I love and long for" and "dear friends" (v. 1). He then urged those who were in conflict to be of "the same mind in the Lord" (v. 2). His desire for them was to be the unified family of God.

What would we, as the Church, look like if we were truly unified, if we showed real and abiding concern for each other? Not only did the churches struggle with this in Paul's time, but we continue to see this struggle even today. I wonder if we rejoiced together and prayed together more diligently and intentionally, would we see each other more as true brothers and sisters in Christ?

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