

# Jesus' Family Trait

Matthew 12:46-50



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## Introduction



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## A Familial Interruption (46-47)

*46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.*

*47 Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you" [text.var.]*



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**Jesus' Surprising Question (48)**

*48 But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"*



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**Jesus' Definitive Answer (49-50)**

*49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!*

*50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*



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**What does it mean to do the will of the Father?**

**Big Truth** - God is God and the Sovereign ruler of the world who accomplishes all He wills

*Psalms 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

*Psalms 135:6 Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.*

*Daniel 4:34 -35*

*Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*



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**What does it mean to do the will of the Father?**

**So what does Jesus mean?**

- That for which the disciple **prays** - 6:10
- That by which the disciple is **judged** - 7:21
- That in which the disciple is **imperfect** - 21:31
- That to which the disciple **submits** - 26:42
- That by which the disciple is **comforted** - 18:14



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**This truth illustrated:**

The River of God's Work and Will in History



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**Jesus' statement *inclusive* and *exclusive***



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