

*Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven  
is my brother and sister and mother*

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**Mat 12,46-50**

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Listening to these words, we can only thank God from the depth of our heart, because He tells us He would like to establish a loving and full relationship with us; I would say even more: a very confidential relationship.

An intimate relationship, profound, as it should be that between a parent and a child, between a sisters and brothers; that is, those family relationships that are the most intimate we can live in our human life.

So, dear friends, we thank God from the bottom of our hearts for his wonders, because He wants to constitute us his intimate friends, members of his household. And this He does and can do so only through the relationship with Jesus, who came to give us his blood, his life, and offer his love for us.

Let us be drawn by this love, let us be seduced by this love; above all, let us be convinced by this statement and **let us live right now as a family of God, family of Jesus, his brothers and sisters.**

Praised be Jesus Christ.