

UNITY

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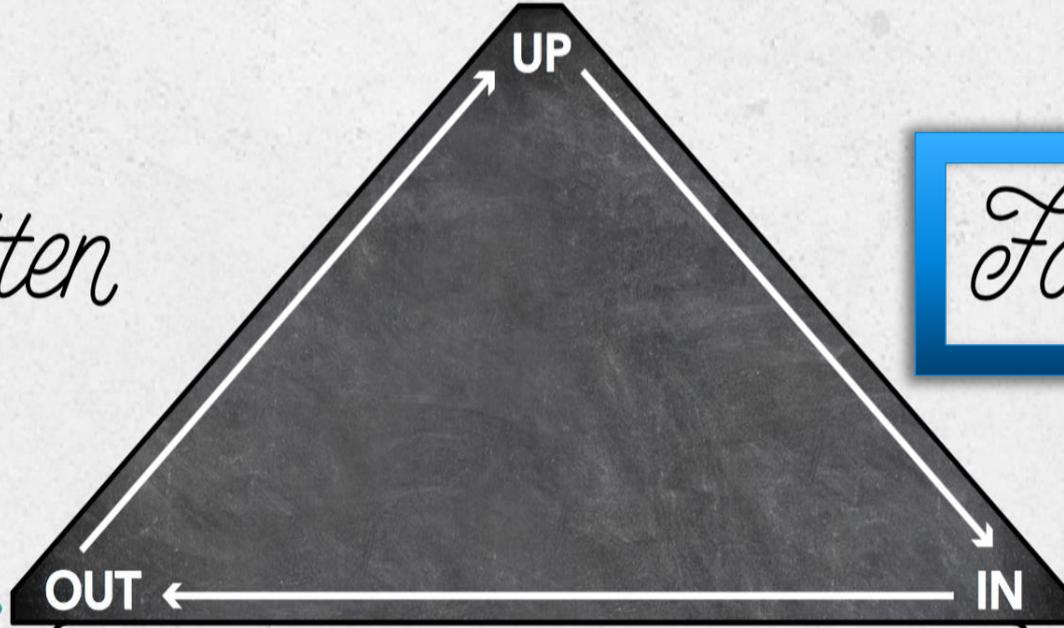
UP

THE  
*Forgotten*

*Family*

OUT

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## EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

CONTEXT:

JEW & GENTILE - Animosity

EPHESIANS 2:18-19

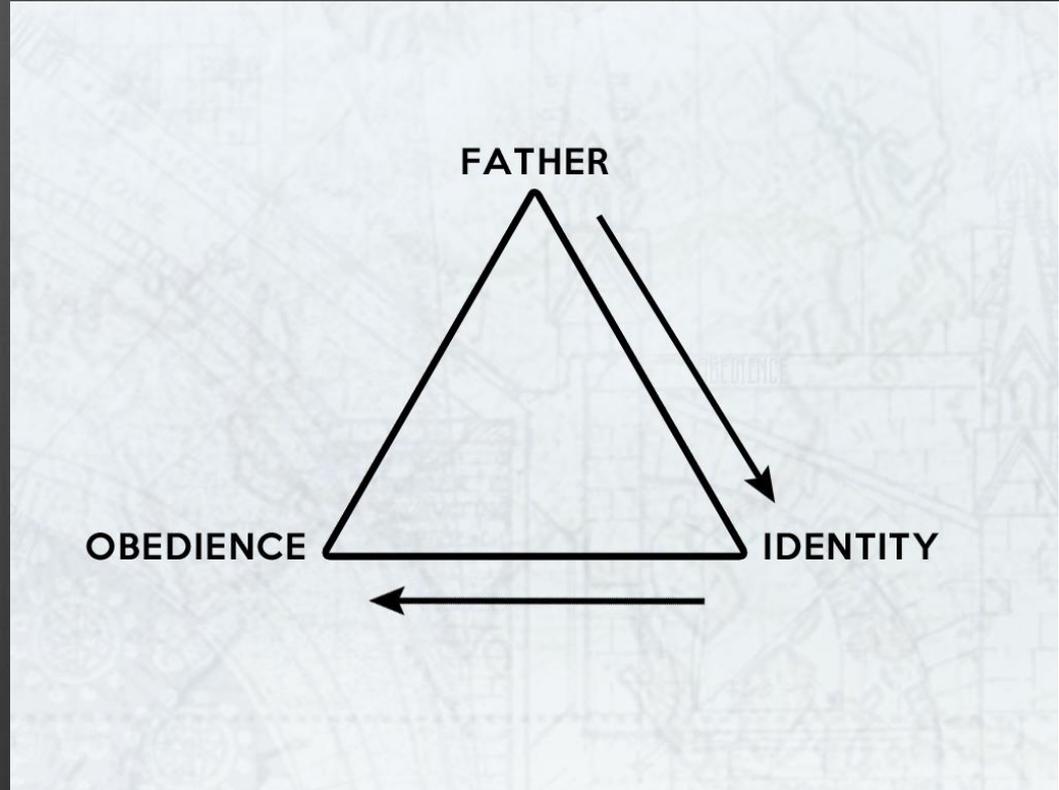
For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. **19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

EPHESIANS 1-3

IDENTITY

WHO ARE WE?

WHAT ARE WE  
CALLED TO?



WHO

Adopted

Forgiven

Redeemed

A living/loving temple of the Holy Spirit

1 body, 1 spirit, 1 hope, 1 Lord, 1 faith, 1 baptism

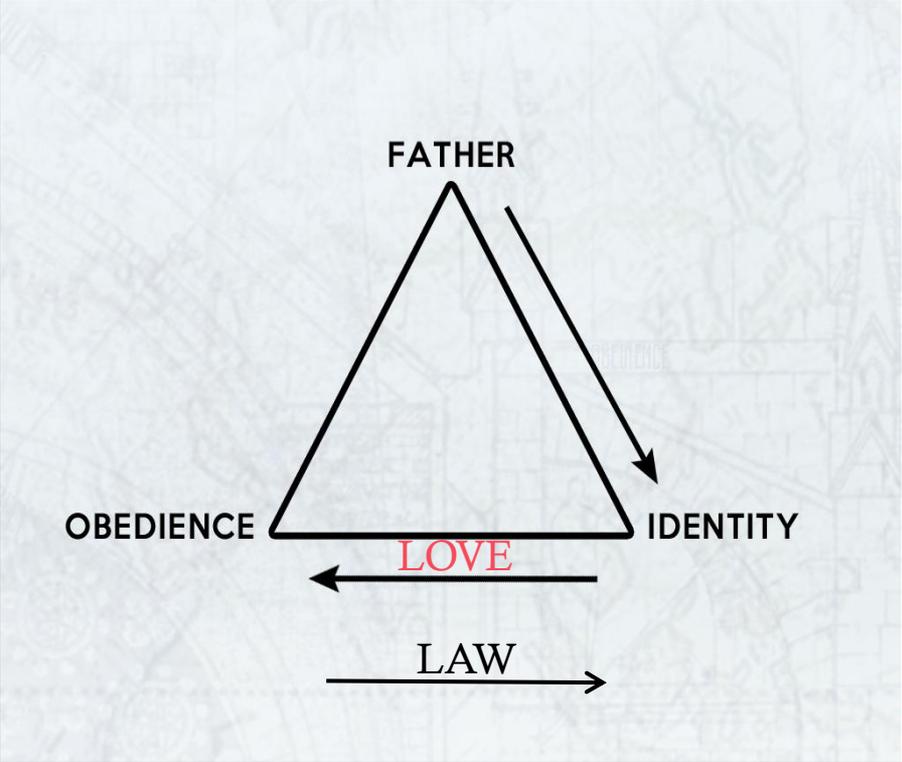
## HOW

EPHESIANS 2: Jesus blood has torn down the dividing walls.

## WHAT

Practical: Make every effort to live in unity - family

4 steps of moving from Law to Love



# RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONSIBILITY

How we *respond* to the call will always dictate how we bear our *responsibility*.

1. CALLED TO A FATHER
2. CALLED TO A FAMILY
3. CALLED TO A FAITH

## CALLED TO A FATHER

“6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

Are you taking on your Dad's personality traits, His identity, His deep affection for all people?

(Manvanstaal & Rooster)

My time with the Father helps me fall in love with His children. This is what makes us a family.

## CALLED TO FAMILY

“2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is one body and one Spirit*”

(when I feel like it or when they're especially good to me.)

(A crowbar to the face.)

## CALLED TO A FAITH

“I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”

“In light of all this, here’s what I want you to do. While I’m locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don’t want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don’t want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere.”

Am I a walking, talking, breathing version of the Gospel?

(Gandhi – family & Laubach – forgotten)

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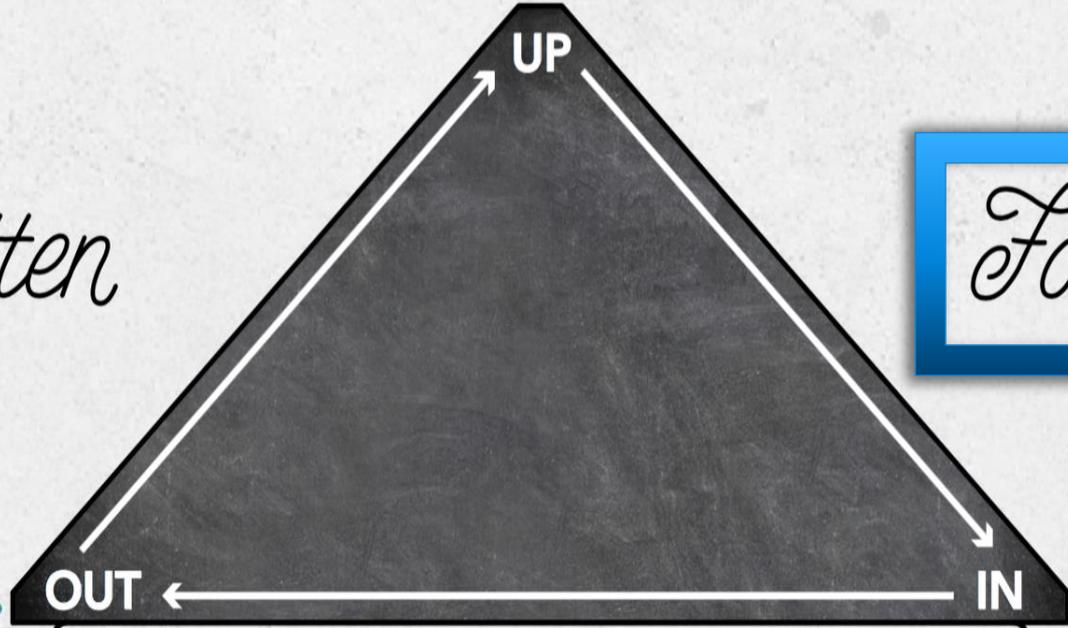
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# 1. Do I love well?

Loving well is always the best indicator of whether you're living in right relationship with Jesus.

To love is to die first for the sake of the Family and the Faith.

## 2. Do I preserve unity?

Matthew 5:23 - brother is mad at you - “you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right.”

Matthew 18:15 - you're mad at your brother – “If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love.”

Problems with someone. You're responsible.

Create space to get out of sync relationships into sync.

Go owning your stuff first. Not theirs.

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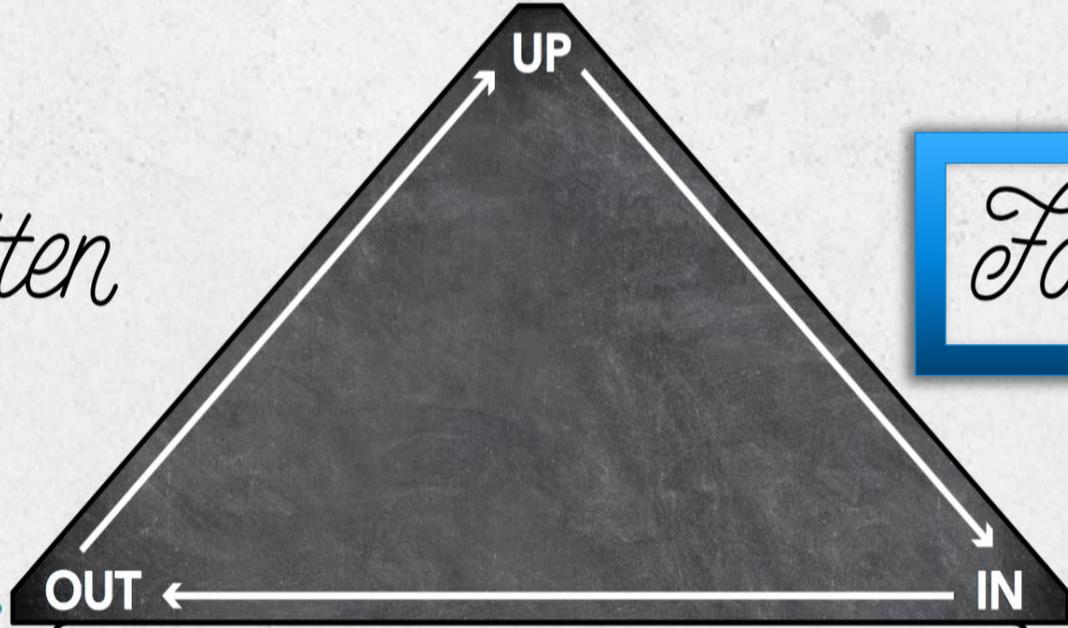
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