

Family Talk – Aim and Atmosphere

READ TOGETHER

Romans 12:16–18

1. Share a time you thought you were right but realized other ways were also good.
2. What does it mean to live in peace with everyone?

LIVE IT

Sometimes we disagree. Walking through disagreements with other people, especially those we love, can be difficult. 2020 has been full of people disagreeing on important issues—whether to wear masks, how to heal the racial divide, who to vote for in the presidential election, etc. Having opinions is fine, but many people treat others poorly when they disagree.

God wants the Church, His people, to live in peace with each other. Living in peace doesn't mean having one view, but we can treat each other with respect when we disagree. We don't know what people have been through, so we can listen to people's stories to understand why they think the way they do. We can still disagree after hearing their stories, but this way people know they can come to us and feel heard.

As Christians, God wants us to make a difference in the world. He wants us to show love to people who feel unloved, to accept those who feel unaccepted, and to find people who feel lost. The more we do this, the more God can use the Church to heal this world and us.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Please help us. We've had a lot of challenges in 2020, and we need to experience Your love, Your comfort and Your acceptance. Heal us and change us, so we can hear Your voice and do what's right during hard times.

Amen.

