

## **Searching His Word Have We Forgotten?**

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*“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me”* Matthew 10:37.

The Bible clearly tells us that because of Biblical truth families may be divided. The Bible also tells us that when it comes to spiritual truth or following our families and friends, we must be careful which we choose. Have we forgotten about the numerous commands about putting God first? This includes putting God before our families and friends. There are congregations today who have people that know what the truth is, and that it is not being taught where they are attending. Congregations have members who know that they will gain no spiritual knowledge if they continue where they are currently attending. If you are one of these people, I ask you: Why are you there? If the truth is not taught we must go, for the sake of our eternal souls, to where the truth IS taught!

What did Christ say in Matthew 10:37? *“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me.”* So what is Christ saying? We do not need some deep theological explanation to explain the verse to us. Christ is saying if you put anyone before Him, even family members and friends then you are *“not worthy of Me.”* Many of us may have family members who do not realize that the Bible is not being taught where they attend. Does this mean we should stay there so that we do not hurt their feelings? Of course not! While we do not intend to hurt people’s feelings we must do what is right. If someone becomes upset with us because we have left a certain congregation what do we do? We wish they weren’t upset but do we sacrifice or should we sacrifice Biblical truth in order to please them? How far will we go to please our own family members? Will we even go so far as to deny what the Bible teaches so long as we do not upset our loved ones? If we will go that far then we truly are *“not worthy”* of Christ!