



# Bless This Home

## Family Gathering

### Key Scripture

Proverbs 4:3 NCV

It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong.

### Scatter or Gather

Genesis 31:1-3 NLT

31 But Jacob soon learned that Laban's sons were grumbling about him. "Jacob has robbed our father of everything!" they said. "He has gained all his wealth at our father's expense." 2 And Jacob began to notice a change in Laban's attitude toward him.

3 Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your father and grandfather and to your relatives there, and I will be with you."

### Unforgiveness Scatters

✓ **Unforgiveness will always catch-up to you.**

Genesis 31:25 NLT

Laban caught up with Jacob as he was camped in the hill country of Gilead, and he set up his camp not far from Jacob's.

✓ **Unforgiveness gets in-between family relationships.**

Genesis 31:28 NLT

*Why didn't you let me kiss my daughters and grandchildren and tell them good-bye?* You have acted very foolishly!

✓ **Unforgiveness leads to acting out of fear.**

Genesis 31:31 NLT

*"I rushed away because I was afraid,"* Jacob answered. "I thought you would take your daughters from me by force."

### God wants you to have a great family gathering

Zephaniah 3:20 Message

On Judgment Day ***I'll bring you back home — a great family gathering!***

You'll be famous and honored all over the world. You'll see it with your own eyes — all those painful partings turned into reunions!" God's Promise.

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### Make Your Family Stronger...

1. **Own your mistakes and stop focusing on others.**

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Matthew 7:3-5 GNT

3 Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? 4 How dare you say to your brother, 'Please, let me take that speck out of your eye,' when you have a log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite! **First take the log out of your own eye**, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

2. **Give up your right to get even.**

Matthew 5:39 CEV

But **I tell you not to try to get even** with a person who has done something to you...

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But **if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins**."

3. **Gather together in the Lord's presence.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 5 NLT

1 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

5 **A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones**.

A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

Genesis 31:44-46 NLT

44 So come, let's make a covenant, you and I, and it will be a witness to our commitment."

45 So **Jacob took a stone and set it up as a monument. 46 Then he told his family members, "Gather some stones."** So they gathered stones and piled them in a heap. Then Jacob and Laban sat down beside the pile of stones to eat a covenant meal.

Genesis 32:1-2 NLT

As Jacob started on his way again, **angels of God came to meet him**.

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