Family in the Lord



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LEAD-IN: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit–just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. (Ephesians 4:2-6, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

God Loves to Grow Things

The truth is all around you: God loves to grow things.

When you look at your own life, with your faults, struggles, and blind spots, remember: God loves to grow things.

When you look at other people, with all their insensitivities and annoying qualities, remember: God loves to grow things.

Think of people as growing things. You're seeing them in only one moment of their development. God, the patient gardener, is working carefully and joyfully, moment by moment, year by year. He is tenderly nurturing them from a tiny seed to beautiful fullness in Him.

Try not to step on His flowers. If a holy and all-knowing God can love them just as they are, can't we?

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