

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

—Matthew 12:50



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Jesus knows no other speed than full throttle, urgently proclaiming the Gospel of God’s Kingdom at hand. So when Jesus’ family attempts to take him home, he points to his disciples and says, “Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Jesus realizes that his proclamation of God’s Kingdom can only be proclaimed effectively through a community. Jesus, the ultimate community organizer, knows that it will take a community to provide the multiplicity of voices and the different roles needed within a movement for change to take place. Paul also teaches us this, explaining that each of us contributes to the Body of Christ by providing our own gifts and talents to do the work. It takes people working together to create the collective synergy necessary to make manifest God’s Kingdom.

—Al Rodriguez