

*The Gospel-Shaped Church: Paul's Letters to Timothy*  
**Gospel-Shaped Community (Part 2)**  
1 Timothy 5:1–16 | Andrew Belli

**Thesis:** As God's household, a local church is called to love one another as family, especially by supporting those without a family.

- I. The Body of Christ Honors One Another as Family (5:1–2)**
  - A. Members of God's Household by Adoption
  - B. Do Not Be Hostile to One Another
  - C. Love One Another as Parents and Siblings
  
- II. The Body of Christ Cares for Those Without a Family (5:3–16)**
  - A. Honoring "True Widows" (3)
    1. True widows are without relatives (4)
      - a. Natural families must provide for their own (8, 16)
    2. True widows are devoted to God (5–7)
  - B. Discerning Those Truly in Need
    1. Godly older widows (9–10)
      - a. Had been faithful wives
      - b. Selflessly devoted to good works
    2. Younger widows
      - a. Prone to temptations (11–13)
      - b. Encouraged instead to remarry (14–15)
      - c. Should serve needy widows in her family (16)
  
- III. Growing in Our Love as the Body of Christ**
  - A. Put Your Faith into Practice
  - B. Care for Your Relatives
  - C. Care for Your Church Family
  - D. Care for the Extended Family of Christ
  - E. Show Christ's Love to the Lost