Brothers?

Biological – same parent (s) – first degree relative

Spiritual – same Heavenly Father, fellow believer

Cultural - same likes, familiarity, music, education, experience, clothes, career, hobbies

Club, gang, union, fraternity,

Matt 13:55 – James, Joseph, Simon, Judas - Mark 6:3

John 7:5 - For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Protestants take this at face value, Catholics do not

a title for ministers in some evangelical denominations

How should brothers treat each other?

How do...? Negative traits?

11 stories -

Cain, Able (Seth) – Jacob, Esau – Aaron, Moses – Shem, Ham, Japeth –

Joseph, Benjamin – Isaac, Ishmael - Solomon, Absolom – David, 7 bros -

Andrew, Peter – James, John – Prodigal, brother -

Scripture –

Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Prov 17:17 - A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Genesis 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Leviticus 19:17 <u>You must not hate</u> your brother in your heart. You must surely reprove your fellow citizen so that you do not incur sin on account of him.

1 John 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life present in him.

Psalm 133:1 Look how good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

1 John 3:17-18 If anyone has this world's goods and sees his brother in need but closes his eyes to his need—how can God's love reside in him? Little children, we must not love with word or speech, but with truth and action.

James 2:15-17 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Matthew 25:40 And the king will answer them, 'I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or <u>sisters of mine</u>, you did it for me.'

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you must live in harmony, be sympathetic, love as brothers, and be compassionate and humble.