

# My Brother?

I once had a brother  
a twin like no other.

We walked and we talked,  
and we loved and we fought  
but we'd be true to the end  
'cause we were those "Stoltzfus twins."

But now he's with Jesus.  
and he left me alone.  
Or did he?

There was one we called Father  
and that made us brothers,  
so what does it mean for me today  
if there's Another I call Father?

And what does it mean  
if others call him Father?  
Does that make *them* my brothers too?

And what does it mean  
if another calls me "brother?"  
For it is Jesus who said:  
"For whoever does the will of God,  
he is My brother and sister and mother."\*\*

And what does it mean that hundreds of millions of persecuted,  
and of those literally starving for daily bread  
and for the Bread of Life  
also call Him "Father?"

Might we actually be "blood brothers" in the truest sense?

Does their need for both daily and eternal sustenance  
touch me and call to me as if our lives were joined as family?  
Are we family?

Do I dare to ask myself those questions?  
Do I dare to ask you?  
Do I dare to ask Jesus?

Or has He already said who my brother and sister are,  
and spoken - - "But whoever has the world's goods,  
and sees his brother in need  
and closes his heart against him,  
how does the love of God abide in him?"\*\*

\* Mark 3:35 nasb1995 \*\* I John 3:17 nasb 1995

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