Why are Christians put out of families?

Christians may face family division or betrayal due to their faith, as Jesus warned in Scripture that following Him could set family members against each other[1]. This tension arises when a believer lives among non-believing family members, as the world often misunderstands or rejects Christ[1][2]. In some cases, Christians have been ostracized, pressured to deny their faith or even killed by their own families[1]. This rejection can be deeply painful, as it goes against natural family bonds[2]. The gospel message itself can be offensive to non-believers, creating a divide even within Christian families if some members are more committed than others[2]. While the church aims to be a place of strong families, statistics show that so-called Christian families often face similar rates of dysfunction and divorce as non-Christian families[3]. Despite these challenges, the New Testament calls for a higher standard in true Christian marriages and family life, emphasizing love, respect, and servant leadership[4]. Ultimately, Jesus redefined family beyond blood relations, teaching that those who do God's will are His true family[4][5].

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