

THE MEANING OF FAMILY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: *The Meaning Of Family*

Genre: Family | Drama | Coming-of-Age | Healing | Boylove

Format: TV Series

Episodes: 20 Episodes × 30-40 Minutes

Setting: Vietnam (1990s – Present Day)

SYNOPSIS

"Home is where we return. Family is the people who choose to stay."

Family is not always defined by blood. Sometimes, it is built by strangers who choose to love, protect, and stand by one another through life's greatest hardships.

After witnessing **Ly**, an orphaned boy, steal a bowl of porridge to feed his sick grandmother, **Mr. Thao**, the owner of a humble porridge shop, quietly begins helping the two without expecting anything in return. When Ly's grandmother passes away, leaving him completely alone, Mr. Thao refuses to let the boy be sent to an orphanage and decides to adopt him.

That single decision changes the lives of everyone around him.

Ly enters a new home where he must learn to live alongside **An**, Mr. Thao's biological son, who struggles with the fear of losing his father's love. Upstairs lives **Mr. Khang**, a dedicated police officer raising his son **Thuan** after a painful divorce. As life brings the two families closer together, the three boys grow up under the love and guidance of two devoted fathers, becoming brothers not by blood, but by choice.

As childhood fades, each of them begins a different journey toward adulthood.

Ly experiences his first love, only to discover that love is not always enough to overcome prejudice. An struggles to understand his own identity while facing

society's expectations and judgment. Thuan silently carries feelings he believes should never be spoken aloud, forcing him to choose between family, responsibility, and his own happiness.

While the three young men search for who they truly are, the two fathers remain the silent pillars of the family, sacrificing everything to protect the home they have built together. But when another devastating tragedy strikes, every member of the family must confront the question that will define their lives forever:

Can love alone keep a family together when they are not connected by blood?

Set in Vietnam from the nostalgic 1990s to the present day, **The Meaning Of Family** is a heartfelt 12-episode television drama that celebrates unconditional love, acceptance, and belonging. Through the intertwined journeys of three brothers and two fathers, the series offers a touching portrait of chosen family, reminding us that the people who truly make us feel at home are not always the ones we are born to—but the ones who choose to stay beside us.

TAGLINE

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THEME

A moving story about family, identity, sacrifice, and unconditional love—proving that family is not determined by blood, but by the people who choose to stand beside us through every joy and every heartbreak.