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Most Americans report that religion is at least somewhat important in their lives, and that religion influences how they live their lives. This analysis sought to test a theory of how religion affects family relationships, specifically, how religious similarity within couples influences relationship quality through proposed mediators of joint religious activities and social support. Although support was found only for the joint religious activities mediation model using partners' perceptions of religious similarity, the current study has important implications for theory, research, and application.