

DIGGING DEEPER

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: **Honored to Honor**

Scripture: Exodus 20:12



GETTING STARTED

How does the relationship you have (had) with your parents affect your perspective of God and your relationship with Him?

BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Exodus 20:12. Pastor Paul called this a “transitional” commandment. In what way is it a transitional commandment?
2. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: *You show me a child who is disrespectful towards his parents, and I’ll show you a child who will be disrespectful towards every authority figure in his life.* Discuss your response.
3. Read Matthew 5:39-48. Although these verses don’t deal directly or exclusively with the parent/child relationship, how can we apply them to situations where our parents may have been less than honorable?
4. As a parent, what responsibilities fall to us that will make it easier for our children to show us honor, according to these verses:
 - Ephesians 6:1-4
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-9
5. How is the promise of Exodus 20:12 to be applied to our lives?

APPLY IT

If at least one of your parents is alive, consider some way in which you can give special honor and recognition to them as your parent.

If your parents are not alive, then find someone older in the congregation to whom you can give some form of special recognition and honor, thanking them for their service to the Lord and their example as a Godly man or woman.