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Honor Begins With Seeing Value

August Series: Christ-Centered Relationships

Week Focus: Put Honor First

Scripture – Genesis 1:27 - *“So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.”*

Devotional Reflection

One of the greatest obstacles to healthy relationships is forgetting the value God has placed on people. It is easy to allow frustration, familiarity, disagreement, or disappointment to shape the way we see others. Yet before we ever speak to someone, respond to them, or form an opinion about them, God reminds us of one unchanging truth: every person has been created in His image. That truth alone gives every human being inherent worth, dignity, and value. Honor begins not with our actions but with our perspective.

Biblical honor is not reserved for people who always agree with us, treat us well, or meet our expectations. It begins by recognizing that every person we encounter has been intentionally created by God. When we learn to see people through His eyes, our attitudes begin to change before our actions ever do. We become slower to judge, quicker to extend grace, and more intentional about treating others with kindness, compassion, and respect. Honor grows when we remember whose image people bear rather than focusing on their imperfections.

Jesus modeled this throughout His earthly ministry. He consistently saw value in people others overlooked. He honored the outcast, welcomed the rejected, and showed compassion to those society often ignored. He looked beyond people's failures and saw individuals deeply loved by the Father. Whether speaking with the Samaritan woman, calling Zacchaeus from the tree, or extending mercy to those caught in sin, Jesus treated people with dignity because He saw their God-given value. As His followers, we are called to cultivate that same Christ-centered perspective.

Take a moment today to consider the relationships God has entrusted to you. Is there someone you have taken for granted? Someone you have struggled to appreciate? Someone you have viewed through the lens of past hurt instead of God's truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your perspective. As He transforms the way you see people, He will also transform the way you speak to them, respond to them, and love them. Honor always begins with seeing people the way God sees them.

Today, remember that honoring others begins long before words are spoken. It begins in the heart. When you recognize God's image in every person, your conversations become more gracious, your patience grows deeper, and your relationships become stronger. A transformed perspective produces transformed relationships, and honoring others becomes a powerful reflection of Christ's love.

Focus for Today

Honor begins by recognizing the God-given value in every person.

Practice

- Begin your day by thanking God for creating every person in His image.
 - Ask God to bring one person to your mind whom you may have overlooked, underestimated, or struggled to appreciate.
 - Before the day ends, intentionally communicate their value through an encouraging word, an act of kindness, or a sincere expression of gratitude.
 - Throughout the day, ask yourself: **“Am I seeing this person the way God sees them?”**
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Prayer

Father, thank You for creating every person in Your image and for showing me the incredible value You have placed on each life. Forgive me for the times I have allowed frustration, pride, or familiarity to shape the way I see others. Give me eyes to see people the way You see them and a heart that honors them with grace, kindness, and love. Help me reflect the character of Jesus in every relationship You have entrusted to me. May my life communicate the value You have placed on every person I encounter. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Who is one person God is inviting you to see differently today, and how can you intentionally communicate their value?