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Honor Begins At Home

August Series: Christ-Centered Relationships

Week Focus: Put Honor First

Scripture – Ephesians 5:21 - *“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”*

Devotional Reflection

It is often easiest to honor people we see occasionally and hardest to consistently honor those we see every day. Familiarity can quietly replace appreciation, causing us to overlook the people God has placed closest to us. Family members, spouses, children, and even our church family can become so familiar that we forget to intentionally communicate their value. Yet God designed our closest relationships to be the first place where honor is consistently experienced. If honor is absent at home, it becomes difficult to practice it consistently anywhere else.

Ephesians 5:21 calls believers to **“submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”** Biblical submission is not about superiority or inferiority; it is about choosing humility, mutual respect, and a servant’s heart. Honor flourishes when we willingly place the needs of others alongside our own. It is expressed through everyday choices—speaking kindly, showing appreciation, extending forgiveness, serving without seeking recognition, and treating others with the same grace God has shown us. These simple acts communicate value in powerful ways.

Jesus modeled this beautifully. On the night before the cross, He washed His disciples’ feet. The King of kings willingly took the position of a servant, demonstrating that true greatness is found in humility and love. He did not wait for others to serve Him; He chose to serve them. His example reminds us that honor is not about receiving recognition but about giving it. When we follow Christ’s example, we begin looking for opportunities to lift others up rather than ourselves.

Take a moment to think about the people you live with or interact with most often. Have routine and familiarity caused you to overlook opportunities to express appreciation? A simple “thank you,” a sincere compliment, an unexpected act of kindness, or taking time to truly listen can communicate tremendous value. Small moments of honor, practiced consistently, can strengthen relationships, deepen trust, and create a home where Christ is clearly reflected.

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to help you make honor a daily habit, especially with those closest to you. As you intentionally serve, encourage, and value the people God has entrusted to your care, your home can become a place where grace grows, relationships flourish, and the love of Christ is experienced every day. Honor begins at home, and from there it becomes a testimony to everyone around you.

Focus for Today

Honor begins by intentionally serving and valuing the people closest to you.

Practice

- Begin your day by thanking God for the family and relationships He has entrusted to you.
 - Choose one person in your home or someone you consider family and intentionally honor them today.
 - Express sincere appreciation, perform an unexpected act of service, offer words of encouragement, spend uninterrupted time with them, or pray with and for them.
 - Throughout the day, ask yourself: **“How can I make this person feel valued today?”**
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Prayer

Father, thank You for the family and relationships You have entrusted to me. Forgive me for the times I have allowed familiarity to keep me from expressing honor to those closest to me. Give me the heart of a servant and the humility of Christ. Help me communicate love through my words, my actions, and my attitude. May my home become a place where honor, grace, and Your presence are evident every day. Teach me to reflect the servant heart of Jesus so that those closest to me experience Your love through my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Who in your home or closest circle needs to experience honor from you today, and what intentional step will you take to communicate their value?