



Honor Our Fathers
Exodus: The Way Forward
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Warm Up: A daughter posted on Facebook a picture of her 92 year old father with a caption which read, "Dog, Bean Dip, Beer and the Red Sox's" a perfect day for my dad!!" Not everyone's relationship or memories of dad have been ideal. Spend some time briefly sharing how your dad influenced your life. What are some of the important lessons he taught you, his sayings, funny moments, or perhaps even the thing you have found most difficult about your dad.

- ❖ Read aloud the following verses: **Exodus 20:12, Matthew 15:4, Ephesians 6: 1-3, Proverbs 1:8-9, 6:20-23**. The truth of honoring our father and mother is woven throughout the Scriptures, from God's commandments to Solomon, Paul, and Jesus' teachings.
 - From these passages, what key points are made about honoring our father and mother? What is the promise for obeying or not obeying?
 - What does honoring father and mother practically look like for you today?
- ❖ On Sunday, Pastor George gave us 3 benefits as to why we ought to honor our fathers:
 1. **Humbles us individually** - a reminder that we did not bring ourselves into this world; we are not self-existent. Humility and gratitude are foundations of a full life!
 2. **Good for our culture** - before there was ever a government, school, or church, there was a home. God has established the home as the first building block of a society, so it's not surprising that society is suffering as homes are unraveling.
 3. **A way of honoring God and His Commandments** - it's not limited by how young or old we are or by what age we live in. (**Matthew 15:1-6; Eph. 6:1-4**)
 - Of these 3 reasons to honor our dads, which resonates with you most? Why?
- ❖ "If the younger generations are constantly at war with the older generations the foundations of society will be destroyed." - David Guzik Do you agree with this observation? If so, how do you see it playing out in today's society? What can be done for followers of Jesus Christ to address this issue?

Wrap Up: While our earthly fathers are not perfect we do have a model of a perfect Son who honored His Father. Read **John 5:19-20** aloud. As you close in prayer, praise God for His creation of the family and ask for His protection and strengthening of your families.