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Uncommon Sons – Honoring Your Father

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Intro: We are going to talk about honoring our fathers, but first we must talk about what it means to honor someone. Secondly we will discuss why and how.

Most verses on honoring your parents in the bible are similar to as follows...

Colossians 3:20 - Children, obey [your] parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Point 1: Honoring my father isn't what I thought.

Q: What do you guys think it means to honor someone?

What is honoring to someone?

- Respect
- Admiration
- Acknowledgement

What makes my father worthy? He's my father, that's all it takes (he made you a winner!)

What if your dad is not a Christian? Or actively against Christ?

- First off, God's word trumps your parents. But this doesn't mean you're disrespectful in doing so.
- Say your father is around, not a follower of Christ, but has a good set of morals. You could still evangelize and bring him to Christ.

What if your dad is abusive? Or just terrible?

You still need to honor him, but you may need to draw some lines for your own protection.

- This is a very complicated matter that ultimately you need to pray for God's wisdom and seek counsel from fellow believers.
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Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

(Share a time where... I honored my father)

Jon - The times where I spent time with him rather than get him a gift for father's day/his birthday.

- I worked hard at my carwash job, for me and him.
- I keep my mom in the loop on business stuff.
- I went to my high school graduation purely out of honoring my parents, they wanted me to and I didn't.
- I went hunting with my dad, I think I would like it more now, but at the time not as much.

Kaeden - Taking extra time, aside from the allotted time throughout the week, to go over to my dad's.

- Spending the night at his house on weeknights since I can drive.

Point 2: How do you honor your father?

This will look different for everyone.

Share a way in which my dad would be honored, but maybe someone else wouldn't.

Jon - My dad and I love talking business, how much people make, how much things cost. Others have told me i am rude for asking how much they make, in a polite way.

- I am 25 years old and I still listen to all of his advice even if it pains me.
- I indulge his stories for the second time.

Kaeden - My dad and I love to tell each other jokes that would likely offend most people. As I've gotten older that's how we connect.

- Letting time with my dad take priority over time with others such as: If I was invited to a friend's birthday party, asked to help with a church event, or asking someone at work if they can cover my shift because maybe I haven't seen my dad in a while.

Point 3: Why does God ask us to do this?

Share the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)

- It's one of the 10 commandments.
- Jewish law compares honoring your parents to honoring God.

When we honor our parents we honor God.

Much like honoring our father, we don't always know why God asks us to do something. We know that part of the reason God commands us not to do certain things is because they are sinful, and the cost of sin is death.

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Share a time where... Listening to your dad didn't make sense, but it did later.)

Jon - I threw away some shims that later became useful.

- My dad has given me all kinds of guidance on my career that has proven very valuable later.
- I was always told i can choose to have a bad attitude when things didn't go as planned, I hate hearing that. But there is a lot of truth to that. How i thought of something could definitely change my mood on it.

Kaeden - My dad has always told me that people matter, and that I'm never too important to help someone.