Mother’s Day 2023

Ephesians 6:1-3

Idea: Honor your mother so that it may be well with you.

1. Introduction

The Old and New Testaments give us a clear commandment to honor our parents and promises that if we do, we will be blessed by God and live a long life.

We don’t have to be rocket scientists to realize the significance of that biblical instruction. Jesus lived out that commandment throughout His life.

1. Jesus set an example for us by honoring His mother.
	1. He **submitted to the authority** of His parents, especially His mother, at the Temple in Jerusalem. (Luke 2:42-51)
		1. Jesus remained in Jerusalem after His family left and was in the Temple among the religious leaders, listening and asking questions, when Mary and Joseph found Him three days later. (Luke 2:42-51)
		2. Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and submitted to them, even though He knew and understood who He was.
		3. Jesus’ reward and blessing was that He increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.
		4. Mary pondered all of these things in her heart, knowing—that as the Angel Gabriel sent to her from God had explained to her—Jesus was conceived in her womb by the Holy Spirit and would be great, the Son of the Highest, who would reign over the House of Jacob, and have a kingdom that would never end. oHol
	2. Jesus was **obedient** to His mother at the marriage feast at Cana. At her request, He performed His first miracle by turning water into wine. (John 2:1-11)
	3. Jesus was **compassionate** toward His mother as He was dying on the cross. He instructed His disciple, John, to provide and care for Mary. John took Mary into his home and cared for her after Jesus’ death. (John 19:25-27)
2. The Old and New Testaments instruct us to honor our parents, especially our mothers.
	1. How we live our lives (our beliefs, attitudes, conduct and behavior) will have a lasting effect on our children and grandchildren.
	2. Deuteronomy 12:28 instructs us to obey the Word of God that it may be well with us and our children forever.
	3. Ephesians 6:2-3 tells us to honor our parents that it may be well with us and our seed for many **generations**.
3. I’m indebted to my parents for raising me in a Christian home and setting a godly example for me by surrendering and submitting their lives to Christ.

A. When my parents came to Christ, all **generational curses** from the past were

 destroyed. (Deuteronomy 5:9-10 says,

1. Those who hate God will suffer severe consequences to the 3rd and 4th

generations.

 2. To those who love God and keep His commandments, God will show

His love to 1,000 generations.

 B. Jesus Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, by becoming a curse for us.

 (Galatians 3:13)