



# Morningside Church

## Sermon Discussion Guide

**Title: Honoring Mom**

**Date: May 12, 2024**

**Scripture Text: Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:2-3**

### **Notes:**

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!! This is a special day to remember what mom means and to celebrate. For those who still have their mothers, it's a great time to let them know how much you appreciate them. For those who don't, you can take this opportunity to honor their memory. Regardless, it is a time of gratitude to God for your mom. As we pause and celebrate Mother's Day, let us consider how best to show our mothers how important they are to us by showing them honor. Honor is the inward attitude of utmost respect manifested outwardly in our actions in both the presence or absence of the one to whom it is given. Let us see what it looks like to honor mom.

#### **I. How Do We Honor Mom?**

To honor mom includes three elements: obedience, love, and forgiveness.

- *Obedience* is the proper response to authority. [Col. 3:20](#) states "Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord." When obedience isn't learned, challenges will continue throughout life. Understanding authority and submission to that authority is needed for a functioning society, and for the individual in their relationship with Christ.
  - If a child doesn't learn how to obey authority at home, why will that be a struggle later in life?
  - How can an obedient child be a blessing to their mother?
  - How can learning obedience to mom (and dad) help learn obedience to God?
- The second element of honoring your mother is *love*. It is easy at times to take for granted those we love most. "I told my wife 30 years ago that I loved her when we got married. I'll let her know if anything changes." said one husband. Love is a verb, which requires action, both in word and deed.
  - Why is it so easy at times to neglect those whom we love?
  - What are ways we can make sure we don't take our mothers for granted?
- The third element is *forgiveness*. [Eph. 4:32](#) says to "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." Offense may occur in our relationship with our mothers. But just like with anyone else, God expects us to forgive them just as He forgave us through Christ.
  - How can unforgiveness lead to bitterness and anger?
  - How can remembering we all make mistakes help us have a forgiving heart towards our mothers?



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### II. Why Do We Honor Mom?

Now that we know the three elements on how to show mom honor, let's consider the four reasons for honoring her.

- Biblical Command ([Ex. 20:12](#), [Eph. 6:2-3](#)). This reason alone should be reason enough. But we shouldn't honor mom because we have to!!
  - List biblical examples of children honoring their mothers (or parents).
  - Why is honoring our mother (and father) so important to God that He includes it in His word?
- A Mother's Sacrifice. Through pregnancy, delivery, feeding, clothing, comforting, encouraging, and many more, moms sacrifice to raise their children. But moms also realize how blessed they are to be a mother!
  - What are some things your mother sacrificed for you?
  - How did her sacrifice give you the opportunity to succeed?
- A Mother's Strength. This is displayed through discipline, both in the example she sets before her children and the correction needed for her children. Setting an example and doing that is needed to correct a child's behavior requires strength.
  - On a scale of 1 to 5, how much trouble would you say you were for your mother?
  - Describe a time when her strength helped you through a tough time.
  - What did you learn from your mother by how she responded to circumstances? To you?
- A Mothers Struggles. Their hearts hurt when you hurt. Life is full of transitions. As children grow and eventually leave to pursue their own way, mom (and dad) must let go. It is time for the birdie to leave the nest.
  - How can realizing how mom hurt when you hurt give you compassion for her, and for others?
  - List three things you appreciate about your mother.
  - How will you show honor to your mother today? Every day?

"A mother is a chalice, the vessel without which no human being has ever been born. She is created to be a life-bearer, cooperating with her husband and with God in the making of a child." Elisabeth Elliot

"Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children." Billy Graham

"A mother's relationship with her child is one that will encompass a lifetime. How blessed is a child who has that anchor of strength and support." Sally Clarkson