

Honor Your Mother Exodus 20:12 (ESV)

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

1. The Best Plan for Life is **LOVE GOD** and **LOVE PEOPLE**.

Jesus said this very thing. . .

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

- The word "depend" is the Greek word describing someone **HANGING ON A CROSS**.

2. The first four commandments describe **LOVING GOD**; the last six commandments describe **LOVING PEOPLE**.

Honor Our Parents

1. Honoring our parents brings **BLESSING** . . . why is that?
What's the purpose of honoring our parents?

- Family is the way God extends his **BLESSINGS TO HUMANITY**.

Genesis 17:7-8 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

- Family is the way God perpetuates his **RELATIONSHIP WITH HUMANITY**.

Acts 2:38-39 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

- Family is the way God stabilizes **HUMAN SOCIETY**.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Honor Our Mothers

1. God created the heart of woman to exemplify **HIS LOVE**.

1 Thessalonians 2:1 For you yourselves know. . .

How Does This Heart Of A Mother Exemplify The Gospel?

1. A Mother is **TENDER** toward her child

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.

- Just as a mother tenderly and gently cares for her baby, Jesus is **GENTLE** to us.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

2. A Mother **LONGS** for her child

1 Thessalonians 2:8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

- Jesus' purpose and desire is that we **LIVE WITH HIM**.

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am. . .

3. A Mother will **GIVE HER LIFE** for her child.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God **but also our own selves**, because you had become very dear to us.

- Jesus loves us such that he **GAVE HIS LIFE** for us.

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Do You Honor Your Mother Today?

Has God Shown You His Tender Love?

What Will You Do This Week To Love Others With The Same Love?