



Devos for May 10-17, 2025

"Honor"

TEN Series, Week 3 - Mother's Day

DAY 1 – A Command to Honor

Read: 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."*

Meditate: God calls us to honor our parents—not because they were perfect, but because they played a role in His design for our lives. For some, this means celebrating love and memories. For others, it stirs grief, anger, or confusion. If your mother was absent, abusive, or hurtful, honoring her may look more like setting healthy boundaries, releasing bitterness, or simply acknowledging her part in your story before God. Honor does not mean ignoring wounds—but choosing not to be ruled by them.

Reflect:

- *What do I respect or appreciate about my mom—or a mother figure?*
- *What does honoring her look like in light of my unique story?*

Practice: Take two minutes to reflect. Name one value your mom (or someone who mothered you) gave you—or write a prayer of honesty if your experience was painful.

DAY 2 – Value Above Yourself

Read: Philippians 2:3 - *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*

Meditate: Motherhood is filled with quiet, unseen sacrifices. Honoring our mothers means recognizing those efforts not as owed, but as gifts. Like Jesus, we are called to live with humility, seeing others as deeply valuable—even when it's hard.

Reflect:

- *Where have I overlooked my mom's sacrifices?*
- *How can I choose humility today by showing her she is seen and valued?*

Practice: Read Philippians 2:1–11 and reflect on Jesus' humility. Then choose one small act of honor today: a thank-you, a kind word, or simply not needing the last word.

DAY 3 – Respect Her Role

Read: Proverbs 1:8–9 - *"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."*

Meditate: To respect someone's role means to give it weight, regardless of how we feel in the moment. Even if your

relationship with your mother is imperfect, respecting her role is a way of acknowledging God's design. God entrusted your life into her care. Respect doesn't erase hurt—but it opens the door to healing and honor.

Reflect:

- *What lessons or experiences did I receive from my mother?*
- *How can I acknowledge the role she played?*

Practice: Say or write: "Thank You, God, for the life You gave me through my mom." Let it begin a prayer of gratitude or healing.

DAY 4 – Obedience Is Honor in Motion

Read: *Ephesians 6:1–2* - "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise."

Meditate: Obedience begins in childhood—but it matures into integrity, listening, and how we live. You can honor your mom's voice even now—by living out what was good and breaking what was not.

Reflect:

- *What values from my mom still shape me?*
- *How can I honor her today through my choices?*

Practice: Live out one principle your mom taught you—or ask God to help you walk in healing from what wasn't helpful.

DAY 5 – Return the Care

Read: *1 Timothy 5:4* - "...They should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God."

Meditate: There comes a point when the roles reverse. The one who once cared for you may now need your care. Returning the love and compassion you received is a holy act—it's worship in the form of service. Whether your mother needs emotional support, time, help, or simply your attention, choosing to give back is a way of showing honor that pleases God.

Reflect:

- *How can I reflect or return the care I received?*
- *Is there someone I'm being called to love like a mother today?*

Practice: If possible, call or visit your mom—or reach out to someone who's been like a mom to you. Honor her with time, words, or prayer.