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HONOR.

The word "honor" evokes images of knights in shining armor, gallantly drawing their swords for the good of the kingdom. They save the young maiden, defend the city, protect the king. It feels important, esteemed. Because it is.

But honor isn't restricted to medieval warriors. In fact, we're all called to honor. We are called to draw our swords for the good of the Kingdom. We are called to honor every person, from the least to the greatest, the ones we agree with and the ones we disagree with, the forgotten, the famous, and everyone in between.

IN THE BIBLE.

1 Peter 2:13-17

13 For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, 14 or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

15 It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. 16 For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. 17 Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

Romans 12:9-10

9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Psalms 91:14-16

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

15 When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

16 I will reward them with a long life

and give them my salvation."

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) What does the word "honor" mean to you?
- 2.) Who are we called to honor? What does that look like?
- 3.) How can we honor people we disagree with?
- 4.) How has/does God honor us?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?