

Hey there. Pastor Gerber here again. Welcome back.

In our last session, we closed out the first table of the Law. Remember, the 1<sup>st</sup> table refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Commandments that have to do with our relationship with God. You shall have no other Gods before me. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Today, we open up the 2<sup>nd</sup> table. Those commandments that focus on our relationship with other people.

The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment is Honor your father and mother. And this doesn't just mean our biological parents. We should also honor all authority figures.

So, what does this mean? Well, it means that your memory assignment is coming up! Oh, what does the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment mean? It means that we should fear and love God, so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Ok, so what does that mean? It means that we should see our parents and all authority figures as God's representatives, we should serve them gladly, we should obey them in everything, we should see them as precious gifts from God, and we should show respect to anyone who is older.

Now comes the question that I'm sure you all have.

WHY? Why should we do this?

Because showing honor pleases God. Colossians 3 tells us: Children, obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord.

We should also do this because all the commandments can be summed up in one word: love. Romans 13 says: For the commandments... are summed up in this word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

And authorities are God's servants. Take a minute to look up Romans 13:1-5

So, true or false: Though we must always show honor and respect, we need not always obey. Is it true that we don't always need to obey our parents and all other authority figures? Yes, it is true. Acts 5 teaches us that when we are forced to choose, we must obey God over man. Now, before you run off and tell your parents that Pastor Gerber told you that you don't need to obey them, stop. Take a breath. Notice the only times that you are allowed to disobey your parents. When you are forced to choose between obeying them and obeying God. That means that the only time you are allowed to disobey your parents is when they are asking you to disobey God.

So, why did God create this commandment? So that we would have order. Also, God wants all to enjoy a long life here on earth. Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

Today's main point? You should show everyone honor and respect.

That's all for today. As always, let me know if you have any questions! See you next time.