

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.

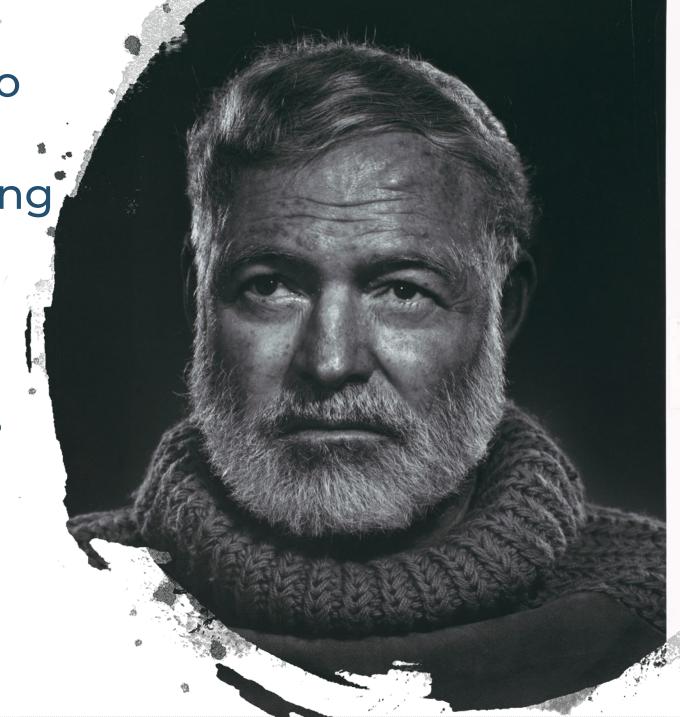
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SERMON IN A SENTENCE

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Unless you, Ernest, come to yourself, cease your lazy loafing and pleasure-seeking ... stop trading on your handsome face ... and neglecting your duties to God and your Savior, Jesus Christ ... there is nothing before you but bankruptcy. You have overdrawn.



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- 6. "I can't believe you would ever think of doing such a thing!"

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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- 5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

LUKE 15:4-7

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

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⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninetynine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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