

Devotionals – Week of April 25

Howdy Friends Series | “Real Friends Honor” with Pastors Jimmy & Kim Witcher

Day #1 – Honor Our Parents, Those Older & Younger Than Us, and Our Authorities

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Howdy, Friends! This series has been absolutely amazing! Yesterday Pastors Jimmy and Kim brought us an incredible message about honor! Honor means to highly esteem, demonstrate value, or show respect. The Bible has a lot to say about honor! As believers, we are called to honor – it’s an act of our will and is not dependent on our emotions! God created us to give honor and receive honor!

As followers of Jesus, we are called to honor different groups of people. First, we should honor our parents! Even in difficult circumstances with our parents, we can honor them because they gave us life.

Ephesians 6:2,3 *For the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: “You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents.”*

Next, we need to honor those older and younger than us. How amazing that the Bible lays out exactly how we should act! We should treat others with kind words, generosity, and pure hearts.

1 Timothy 5:1,2 *Don’t be harsh or verbally abusive to an older man; it is better to appeal to him as a father. And as you minister to the younger men it is best to encourage them as your dear brothers. ² Honor the older women as mothers, and the younger women, treat as your dear sisters with utmost purity.*

We should also honor our authority figures! Politicians, police, your boss or supervisor – these are all people in authority that the Bible calls us to honor. We can trust God, and that our authority figures have been instituted by Him!

Romans 13:1 *Every person must submit to and support the authorities over him. For there can be no authority in the universe except by God’s appointment, which means that every authority that exists has been instituted by God.*

When we choose to honor, even when it may be difficult, we are also honoring God! When we follow His commands we are able to move towards all that He has for our lives. If you are struggling with honor in any of these relationships mentioned above, ask Holy Spirit to help you! He can move your heart towards honor and you will see such a significant change!