

GIVING HONOR IN CANCEL CULTURE

Mother's Day 2022

This week we talked about how to love, cherish, and honor the strong women in our lives. We learn in scripture that honor is truly one of the love languages of God, but it is being lost in our world. The Bible teaches us that when we honor others, we honor God. This is why honor can unlock God's blessings in our lives.

Weekly Devotional:

5/9 - Mark 6:1-6 - It's fascinating how the Bible teaches us that Jesus was unable to perform his normal standard of miracles because of the people's lack of faith and honor for him. Why do you think this was? This shows us that we should not expect God to move where he is not honored. Name one area of your life do you show great honor to God and one area where this might be lacking?

5/10 - Romans 12:9-13 - These few verses are packed! This section is often referred to as "the marks of a true disciple." Verse 10 challenges us with honoring others. Based on your current knowledge of God's nature, why do you think honor is so important to God? Who is someone you can show honor to this week?

5/11 - Genesis 16:1-13 - What a heart wrenching story about Hagar's challenging situation. But God chooses to honor her and make her feel "seen" in perhaps her lowest moment. What does this show about God's nature and heart for you? How can you cry out to El Roi, "The God Who Sees Me" today? Who can you encourage today and therefore help feel seen by God?

5/12 - Romans 13:1-7 - This can be a challenging set of verses, especially when you disagree with the authority of the land. Which verse strikes you the most? What does it look like for you to honor and pray for leaders that you might not agree with, whether that be for today or in the future?

5/13 - John 1:19-28 - John the Baptist is one of the greatest examples of a great leader who did not honor himself. He was a man marked by humility. What contrast do you see between John the Baptist and many leaders in our world today as it relates to self honor? What does it look like for you to honor others above yourselves? (Romans 12:10 ESV)

Challenge:

One Verse. One Voice. For each day's reading, pick one verse that stands out to you the most and meditate on it. Read it 5-10 times, each time slower and deeper. Consider its true meaning for us, and for you specifically. What is God speaking to you?