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**United - Ephesians 6:1-3 Family - Kids**

**SUMMARY:** This sermon explores the biblical command for children to obey and honor their parents, as found in Ephesians 6:1-3. Drawing from personal stories and cultural observations, the message contrasts the honor-based culture of India with the evolving cultural norms in America, highlighting how obedience and honor are foundational for healthy families and societies. The sermon delves into the difference between obedience and honor, sharing the pastor's own struggles and journey with a difficult father, and how God's grace can redeem even the most broken relationships. Ultimately, the message emphasizes that learning obedience and honor leads to a well-lived life, and that these virtues are essential not just for children, but for all believers navigating authority and relationships.

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 6:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-4; Isaiah 58:12, 62:3; Psalm 68:5, Ezekiel 18

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Think about your own upbringing. Was obedience to parents emphasized in your home? How has that shaped your view of authority today—in work, church, or community?
2. The sermon said that “honor goes deeper than obedience.” Can you think of a time when you obeyed someone in authority but did not honor them in your heart? What would it look like to truly honor them?
3. If you have a difficult relationship with a parent (or did in the past), what would it look like to honor them without excusing their wrongs? Is there a step you could take this week toward understanding or compassion?
4. Are there ways you have blamed your parents (or others in authority) for struggles in your life? How does Ezekiel 18 challenge you to take personal responsibility?
5. Pastor Matt shared how God provided spiritual family and “father figures” in the church. Who has God used in your life to fill gaps left by your family? How can you thank or honor them?
6. If you are a parent, how do you balance using your authority with showing grace and not provoking your children? Is there an area where you want to grow?
7. The sermon ended with the promise that honoring parents leads to a “well-lived life.” What is one practical way you can show honor to your parents (or someone in authority) this week, regardless of your feelings?