

Friendship in Family

Sermon Series: No Greater Love

John 15:11-17 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- Jesus wants joy in family.
- Family might be the biggest source of pain in your life.
- Which people should FIRST be affected by the sanctification of the Lord in my life?
- Are you bearing fruit by loving well in the context of your family?

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Proverbs 13:1 A wise child accepts a parent’s discipline; a mocker refuses to listen to correction.

Proverbs 1:8-9 Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction, and don’t reject your mother’s teaching, 9 for they will be a garland of grace on your head and a gold chain around your neck

- Jesus tied love to obedience.
- Obedience is three things: Immediate, Cheerful, & Complete
- God has established order in the home, not a democracy: while we are equal in God’s eyes, we are not equal in roles.

Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist are instituted by God.

- How long? While you are under their authority, in their house.

Ephesians 6:2-3 “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.”

- Direct obedience may cease, but respect NEVER should.
- Honor does NOT mean be a doormat, or continue to be taken advantage of or manipulated.
- We honor experience, age.

Leviticus 19:32 “You are to rise in the presence of the elderly and honor the old. Fear your God; I am Yahweh.

- This kind of honor is commanded by God to children for their parents.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- Do you lord over your kids to prove power?
- Do you pick on your kids?
- If you or your spouse do, this is sin.

Do you lead in confession of sin?

Do you lead in asking for forgiveness?

- Discipline needs to be tied to the instruction of the Lord.
- Show affection.