

## Strengthening Your Marriage Week 13

Colossians 3:20-21

Icebreaker-Best childhood memory

Prayer

Updates from week-challenges??

***Col 3:20-21 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, don't embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.***

***Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise-"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.***

Context: look at previous verses that we have been studying the past 2 weeks.

Q What does Paul tell us first? Husbands love/wives submit

\*Our relationship with our kids can not be right unless husband-wife relationship is right

Q Where does husband-wife relationship start? Must be right with GOD!!

Col 3:20 and Eph 6:1

Obey-v. to follow the commands or guidance of

Honor-v. to treat with respect

Q Does this apply to us or are we free from this after we are married?(Eph 5:31- "For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.")

Q What were things your parents did to discipline you?

Q What are the most discouraging things that you see parents do to their kids?

(Pastor Ken's example of kids in grocery store..why?why?why?)

Q Why should children obey?

1-Pleases the Lord(Col 3:20b)

2-It is right(Eph 6:1b)

Q How about honoring our parents?

1 Long life on earth(Exodus20:12)(Eph 6:2-3)

2 Live safe in land(Lev 25:18)

Q What does God say about those who don't "obey/honor"

2 Timothy 3:1-5-"Have nothing to do with them."

Q Anybody else? Thoughts?

Application:

Personal example: I took this personally. I need to be a good example to show my kids(Mom cancer)

Other verses:

Proverbs 1:8,6:20

Col 3:21 and Eph 6:4

Embitter-exhibiting intense animosity

Exasperate-to cause irritation or annoyance to

Q What are ways we exasperate our children?

\*Overprotect them

\*Favoritism

\*Make feel worthless/not important-don't listen to them

\*Setting unattainable goals they can never reach

\*Fail to show affection

\*Not providing for their needs

\*No discipline/ excessive discipline

\*Too much criticism

\*Neglect

Ephesians 6:4b says bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Deut 6:5-9 (One of my fave verses) We need to not just take them to church/bible study...it's LIVING every moment along side Jesus!!

\*Back up a few weeks. We memorized Col 3:12-Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Application:

Our marriages need to be the BEST example for our children.

Challenge:

Do something nice for your parents this week(ie. Send a card, flowers candy, take them to lunch, phone call, letter)