

Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Prepare our hearts to receive the word that you would have for each of us today. I thank You in advance for what will come from this message on honoring God. I pray that our hearts and minds take time to reflect on what God would have us do as our next steps. We have all that we need from our source. Thank You for your guidance and patience as we navigate our daily fight with the enemy. I pray You encourage us today and remind us in Whom we trust. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Icebreaker: [Share your responses]

As you listen to this message, think about the responsibility that God has given you in the different areas of your life:

- Marriage
- Children
- Position at work
- Ministry
- Relationships with people

God has called us to live honorably in all we do. In the many roles we have in the different areas of our lives, we are used to each place as an opportunity to honor God.

These are four ways we honor God:

- First, honor God by living out His word in obedience.
- Second, honor God by trusting Him through adversity.
- Third, honor requires consistency.
- Fourth, Honor reflects the images of God.

As you listen to this message, think about the areas of your life where you find it challenging to honor God.

Read Ephesians 6:10-13

- In which area of your walk with God do you find yourself weak? What is the challenge to be obedient and consistent?
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- Within these challenges, who is fighting against you? How are you being fought against?
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- We bear the image of God. Who is your audience?
 - o _____
- Within your roles and responsibilities, what are the everlasting purposes in them?
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Encouragement:

God wants to honor His Promise to love you, forgive you and establish relationships with you. He wants to bring clarity to the purpose of your life. He wants to reveal to you, not only the battles you need to fight but also the power He has made available to you.

• Get into group of 2-3 and pray over one another.

Scriptures:

1 Samuel 2:30

"Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: 'I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the Lord says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."

Ephesians 6:10-13

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of withe darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.* ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

Prayer:

- Ask God for His help and strength to carry through His standards with consistency
- Ask God to remind you of His Word through times of adversity
- Ask God for deep understanding of the roles he has given you to honor Him

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have given me much to be good steward of much. I want to honor You. I want my life and character to reflect You. Help me, I want to carry out your purposes for Your Kingdom through me. Help me not to sway, shake, or wander. Help me not to be tempted by my flesh with reactions that don't reflect your true character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps:

• Pick one thing you want to work on this week in regards to your reactions. Make them Godly responses.

Notes: