



**Lesson 44: (1 Samuel 19:1-7) Honoring Thy Father...above your father**

Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What are children called to do?

Do parents have any responsibility toward that honor?

What might it look like to “provoke your children to anger”?

Read Exodus 20:1-17. Which commandment (number) is “honor thy father and mother”?

What are the commandments that come before it?

What relationship do those deal with? (Our relationship with....?)

What does that tell you about where our priorities need to be?

Read Matthew 10:16-22. Why will Christ’s followers be hated?

Where will this hatred come from?

Who will deliver Christ followers over to be killed?

Read Luke 14:25-33. Does Jesus want us to be cruel to our families?

What are we to count before we follow Christ?

What might following Christ cost us?

Read Matthew 10:34-39. Who will be our enemies, when we follow Christ?

What has Christ come to bring?

Our first priority is always to God. Always. Even when it hurts. Even when family tries to tell us differently. Not because we are better than our family, but because we owe our salvation to our Savior, and because we are grateful for that salvation. Today, as you spend time with God, consider how can you intentionally show honor to a parent who, perhaps, isn’t worthy of honor? Is there a way that you can honor them, without compromising what God has called you to? Jonathan found a way. Is there a child whom you have “provoked to anger”? Consider your priorities today; are you really putting God first, or are you putting your own comfort and desire to avoid conflict first?