



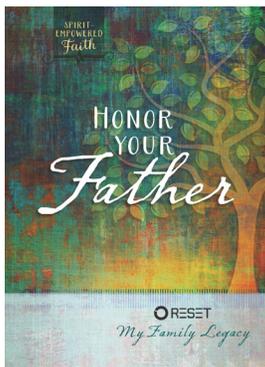
Honoring the Real God to Honor Your Father

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JESUS, RESET MY FAMILY LEGACY

Jesus, remind me often of the love You have for me as my heavenly Father. Let my gratitude for how You love me empower me to strengthen and restore my relationship with my earthly father.



As we begin to ponder our need to honor God as our Father, it is hard not to think of our individual perspective of fatherhood. Our experiences with our earthly father most certainly inform our view of our heavenly Father.

Impressions of Fatherhood

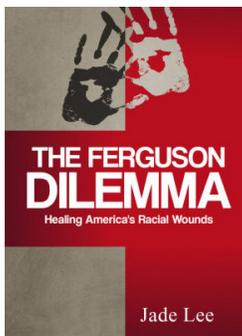
We each have personal images intricately tied to the tender yet powerful word **father**. For some, the visualization of **father** is an always-smiling, ready-to-embrace-you, tender man, who instantly promotes feelings of joy and acceptance. Others remember the massive, outstretched hand that seemed to pull a never-ending supply of candy from his trouser pockets. There are also those who hear the word **father**, and it conjures up images of a scowling, rumpled brow, and a disappointed frown that seemed to cut the heart of a child desperately longing for expressions of his approval. Finally, others may simply draw a blank when they try to visualize a **father**. As empty as a fresh pack of computer paper, no matter how many pages they turn, the landscape is full of empty memories—no calls, no visits, no talks with dad.

No matter what impression the word **father** has left upon our heart, we are reminded of its significant presence in the pages of Scripture. We are lovingly exhorted to honor our Father in heaven and fathers on this earth (Deuteronomy 5:16). How do we honor our father? This question is inevitable when one out of every three American children live in a home where their biological father is not present.





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PRAY and Experience Scripture

Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you ... (Deuteronomy 5:16 NLT).

Honoring your father includes fathers of all kinds: the attentive and neglectful, the kind and the abusive, the believers and the non believers. The command is not conditional. Honoring your father requires faith to walk through the process of honoring. As you become an honoring person, you may be uncertain about your father's response, but you can have faith and confidence in your heavenly Father's pleasure.

Finally, honoring your father presupposes intimacy with God. Fulfilling the command to honor your father will be impossible in your own strength. Only as you yield to the Holy Spirit will you find the prompting and power to **truly** honor.

Pray a prayer of humility. First, tell God about your willingness to obey His command to honor your father. Next, tell God about any hesitancy you have about showing honor to your earthly father. Finally, declare your reliance on the Holy Spirit.

God, I am committed to obeying Your Word, every part of it. You've commanded me to honor my father and mother, so I want You to know that I...

I yield to Your command and at the same time, I am going to need Your help because...

I am going to need Your Spirit to help me by...

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