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2. God commands me to _____ and _____ with honor.

- _____.
- _____.
- I'm _____.
- Let me _____.

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- _____.

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2. God commands me to LIVE OUT and RESPOND with honor.

- YES.
- THANK YOU.
- I'm SORRY.
- Let me HELP.

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- HELLO.

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[CONNECT]

What is your favorite memory of how your parents raised you?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read Exodus 20:12. Why is honoring our parents so important to God?

What does it mean to “honor” someone? Come up with some ideas and definitions and then look it up on your phone. Why would God want us to do this with our parents?

What does God desire to give to us through time to renew, rest, and restore?

The truth is that our parents are imperfect just as we are imperfect. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Jesus has some instruction on how we deal with our imperfections as well as others. How does that relate to this commandment to honor our parents?

Read 1 Timothy 5:8. How does honoring and respecting our parents, lead to honoring and respecting our Heavenly Father.

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Pastor gave several practical steps at the end to actually act on honoring our parents. The phrases were... Yes, Thank You, I'm Sorry, Let me help, and Hello. What one of these can you engage with this week?