

## How to Honor your Parents

### God's Redemptive Power for Moms

#### God Grants His Favor.

- Mary, the mother of Jesus faced suspicion of infidelity. Who would believe a story about a virgin birth?

#### Give Mom Appreciation

- Tell her Thank You.
- Do you know how much it costs to raise kids?
  - A mom has photos where she used to have money.
- Ask her what she thinks about \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Western culture is the only culture that does not honor its elders.
  - Cultures around the world, the older you get, the more you're respected.
  - But the Western culture honors its youngsters, and dismisses its elderly.
  - The wisdom of the aged is not sought after.

#### Give Mom Provide for Her.

- Roles reverse as time progresses.
- Realize and accept this. It sneaks up, so you might be stuck in past expectations?
- **1 Timothy 5** – One's family is to provide for elderly women.
  - "Repay "your parents.
  - Not taking up this responsibility is serious.
    - "worse than an unbeliever."
- Take up that responsibility.
- When you have kids, you automatically know to take care of the.
  - This is not as obvious when your parents get age.
- At the cross Jesus assigns the care of his mother to John, his best friend.

- Joseph likely passed away years before.

## Give Mom Attention

Those who have deep burdens of pain...

- If you don't deal with it, you'll take it out on others around you.
- Some are still angry, and seething with inner revenge.
- Honor your parents by being honest with them.
  - You know that saying, "*I'm not going to be that way*" doesn't do it.
  - Go to your parent, and tell them what pains they caused you.
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- We talked about Outer and Inner Forgiveness.
- Stop that cycle of destruction.

Ruth coming home to take care of Granny.

Now when I look at my dad, I see him as my dad, without alienation and bitterness.

Now my relationship with is my dad.

Making God the center of your life.

I was the obedient child, wanted love, to be liked, never disrespectful.

But like a volcano inside.

God performed a miracle.

Everything – the anger hostility is gone.

I can truly say, I love you.

Not an easy road, but transforming.

(Pray)

\* Comfort for adoptions, abortions, bitterness, Empty Nest, grieving loss.

\* Blessing on Moms.

\* joy of new life of new moms. Foster parents. Adoptive parents. Mentors.

\* God's blessing on obeying God in honoring Moms.

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