

WISH YOU WERE HERE

FAMILY DEVOTION



Week 12: Ephesians 6:1-4

1. This week's study of Ephesians was all about the relationship between parents and children. How would you describe your relationship between you & your parents (or whichever family member(s) raised you)?
2. From what we seem to see in modern times and in the media, it appears as if obedience to and honor for authority (including children to parents) is in decline. Why do you think we're seeing a modern-day decline in obedience & honor? Can anything be done to reverse that trend?
3. One of the traits we discussed for parents is to exhibit balance between praise & discipline toward their children. How would you describe your parent/guardian's style toward you growing up: more praise, more discipline, or a balance? How did you respond to that style growing up? If you are a parent, did their style affect your style of parenting?
4. The second trait we discussed for parents is consistency. Why do you think it can sometimes be difficult for parents (or other authority figures) to be consistent in setting rules/limits or in enforcing consequences/discipline? What are some possible negatives or dangers to lacking consistency in parenting? Either as a child or a parent, was there ever a time when someone was "let off the hook" for something or punished too harshly?
5. The third parenting trait we discussed is spirituality. What kind of spiritual climate did you grow up in? How did that climate affect your personal faith journey?

This Week's Prayers

- Pray for your parents and/or children each day this week
- If you have a strained relationship with your parents and/or children, consider reaching out to them in some way this week (phone call, letter, email, text message, social media, etc).
- If you are a Christ-follower, this week thank God that He is your perfect Father, and express your love for and trust in Him.

