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**Sermon Title: The Ten Commandments, How Free People Live – Honor Your Father and Mother**

**Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor**

**Scripture: Exodus 20:12**

Honor your father and mother so you may live long in the land the Lord your God has given you.

*Exodus 20:12*

**Sermon Outline:**

1. Even good parents have gaps and limits.
2. Free people honor their mother and father.
3. It's impossible to love God without loving your neighbor.
4. No one in Egypt was treated with honor or respect.
5. Honor does not mean to show affection or feeling, but a decision to treat them with dignity, courtesy, and loyalty to their best interests. To honor means to see yourself as part of something bigger than yourself.
6. In Egypt and America older people are discarded, but God says not to forget them. Their worth is not based on their usefulness, but in the fact they are made in the image of God.
7. Honor doesn't mean blind obedience.
8. Honor often means to forgive our parents.

**Forgiving doesn't mean:**

- Forgiving what someone has done.
- There are no consequences to what others have done.
- You no longer feel the pain of grieving.
- Reconciliation.
- Things will be as they once were.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Pastor Rich Villodas continues the series on the Ten commandments. This week we focus on the fourth commandment, honoring your mother and father.

**Sermon Questions:**

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- In your family of origin what are your memories of the person/people who raised you? Are the mostly positive or negative?
- Do you find it easy, difficult, impossible to honor your parents?
- Are there any roadblocks for you in honoring your parents?
- What misconceptions have you had about your parents throughout your life?
- Is there something you need to forgive your parents/caretaker for?