

Outdo One Another In Showing Honor (Romans 12:10)

I. Opening Illustration: Pull out Phones - "Write down the names of people you think deserve honor (family, friends, coworkers, celebrities, etc)"

→What is it that you would love for (Insert Name) to know, really would like to tell them about how you love them,, appreciate them, thankful for them? What is a way you can show with your actions how much you value (INSERT NAME). [WHY WAIT]

FCF: Question: Have you ever noticed how honor seems to be missing in today's world? Taking the time to honor someone is a rare occasion [Dishonor and Self-focused]. [AWK when we do receive honor]

There are probably a lot more reasons why honor seems to be missing but lets focus in on two reasons really quickly that we struggle to show honor to others.

1. Our Own Sin and the Shame associated with Our Sin:

- No way around it but what happens is sin causes us to become selfish - we are training ourselves that we deserve what we want and when we want it and it doesn't matter what needs to happen in order for me to have it. [extreme -real].

- Continued unrepentant sin hardens our heart and it makes it really difficult to look outside ourselves.

- the other element of sin is the shame that is associated with it afterwards - makes us feel less than, almost not worthy. We turn inward, stay to ourselves because we are ashamed at what might happen if others get too close.

2. Comparison

- Too real up in here: we boil this one down we get to a place where we do not feel we are being honored or validated and therefore no one else should get that acknowledgment until you do first. - When we feel like we are due honor its hard to live a lifestyle of honoring others

Question: What if we lived differently? What if we built a culture of honor—one that values, respects, and lifts others up because we together desire to reflect the heart of Jesus to each other and to the world around us?

What would happen if even just within our MVC family we began to take to heart the challenge from today's passage of Scripture. To OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR

MAIN IDEA: Honor is a heart posture that sees people the way that God does and treats them accordingly.

Honor is where we are headed - but lets recap!

II. Recap: Romans 12

Phrase in v.9 is shaping all we do as MVC this year - let Love be Genuine

This week READ ROMANS 12:10b

III. What does Scripture have to say?

Kind of a Big Deal throughout all of Scripture.

10 Commandment (4 honoring God 6 honoring others)

Called to Honor the positions of Authority over us.

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How did Jesus honor others? Embraced the heart of the Father, went to the overlooked, the overwhelmed, the outcast, the broken, the sick, those who were in need and Jesus HONORED them! He loved them, served them, spent time with them because they are incredibly loved by God and have value and dignity not because of what they can do or have done but because they have been created in the image of God and HE loves them.

Jesus is honoring people who you and I are so often guilty of overlooking.

Bible is training us to embrace God's heart for the world and to love and serve from that place. Join with God in what He is doing on Earth.

Honor isn't just respect—it's a reflection of Jesus. When we honor God and others, we create a culture that lifts people up, strengthens relationships, and reflects God's love to the world.

Defined: Is a heart posture that sees people the way God does and treats them accordingly.

IV. Romans 12:10b

Within today's passage- within the church we must have a culture of Honor. So much so that the motivates us with some Godly competition.

"Outdo One Another" - I say that on a Wednesday night and if I add on and the winner gets a pizza party.

What would it look like for us to be a people where all of us are all the time honoring each other - putting others before ourselves, serving others, making sure they know how much they mean to you, that their sacrifice matters.

Catch this glimpse if we are all competing then we are all taken care of. As we are honoring we are also being honored.

PREACH: Why would God want His people to live in this culture of honor?

When we honor each other as brother and sisters - we are speaking against the narrative we are receiving from the world around us and the lies that we are believing from within us and HONOR brings to life the narrative that God has spoken into us!

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When we allow ourselves to slow down and to love each other well - God does reveal things to you about other people - simple word of encouragement, viewing your time in the nursery as a way to honor those families who if nothing else just need to sit for a minute, to be open to share encouraging words because we are less interested in ourselves but man I want to hold you up so that you keep going and you don't quit.

Culture of honor

V. Why

When we receive honor from others, it has a profound impact on us in several ways:

1. It Affirms Our God-Given Value

- Honor reminds us that we are seen, valued, and appreciated.
- Makes us believe that we have a place to belong - seat at the table.
- When someone honors us, they acknowledge the worth God has placed in us

What does that do inside us It combats feelings of insecurity, rejection, or insignificance.

2. It Encourages and Strengthens Us

- Honor has the power to uplift and inspire.
- A simple word of encouragement or act of recognition can give us confidence to keep going
- When we feel honored, we are more likely to persevere in our calling and purpose.

3. It Motivates Us to Honor Others

- When we experience honor, it teaches us to give honor in return.
- Honor creates a cycle—when we are honored, we want to lift others up too.

4. It Reflects God's Love

- Receiving honor reminds us of how God sees us: loved, chosen, and worthy
- When others honor us, we get a glimpse of God's heart for us.

5. It Draws Us Closer to Community - Be the Family we striving to be.

- Honor strengthens relationships by building trust and unity.
- When people feel honored, they feel a sense of belonging and purpose.

Illustration: Last night of Mission trips: SHOUT OUTS

When we build a culture of honor, everyone grows, relationships flourish, and God is glorified.

VI. Response

Philippians 2:1-11

Follow Jesus' Example

Receive the Lord Jesus today!

True honor isn't based on who deserves it—it's a decision to see people the way God sees them. Let's out-do one another in showing honor and make it a way of life.

We would love to pray with you as you respond to what God is saying to you right now - we don't wait to honor God - we are a people learning to respond to God so that we may honor Him.