

Ephesians 6:1-4 Made for More - Oct 19, 2025

Message Recap

Every family passes something down...love, laughter, patterns, pain, or faith. But through Jesus, we can stop unhealthy cycles and start new ones. When God restores order and honor in our homes, He doesn't just heal relationships, He rebuilds legacies. Paul's words in Ephesians 6 were revolutionary: in a culture where fathers ruled with fear, the gospel replaced control with compassion. Authority became responsibility, honor became healing, and grace became the blueprint for new family trees.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

• Icebreaker:

Share one story that gets retold every time your family gets together. (Bonus points if it's slightly exaggerated by now!)

• Reflection:

What was one insight, illustration, or principle from the message that really stood out to you or challenged you?

Discussion Questions

- What "tables" from your past (habits, phrases, or family patterns) still shape how you respond today? How can awareness of those patterns help you rewrite your story instead of repeating it?
- Why does God tie peace in the home to order and honor? How does our culture's view of authority differ from God's design in Ephesians 6? Where have you seen healthy authority bring peace instead of control?
- Pastor Byron said "Honor isn't agreement; it's recognition." What does that look like in real relationships...with parents, kids, or coworkers? What's one way you could choose honor this week even if the other person doesn't "deserve it"?

- How do we "mirror" God's heart to those around us? What does choosing presence over pressure look like in your closest relationships?
- Whether you're a parent, child, or single adult what's one relationship where you
 can bring peace this week? What would it look like for your home, friend group, or
 workplace to "sound like grace"?

For Additional Study

Psalm 127:1

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

• What does it mean to let God "build the house" instead of trying to control it? Where do you struggle most to let Him lead?

Ruth and Naomi - Ruth 1:16-17 (Encourage reading the whole story)

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." – **Ruth 1:16**

- How did Ruth's commitment to Naomi shift both of their stories...and generations after them?
- What does this teach us about the kind of love that holds families together through loss and change?