

## Family: Covenant Relationships

# Sons & Daughters – The Covenant of Belonging

Being a son or daughter is not just a family role — it's covenant identity. Parents are called to live honorably and provide belonging, while sons and daughters are called to honor and carry covenant forward.

## 1. Identity as Sons & Daughters

*“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!”*

— 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

- Parents → Teach children their worth and identity in Christ.
- Children → Remember: your truest identity is in God, not achievements or mistakes.

**Before you were anyone's son or daughter, you were God's.**

## 2. Belonging in Covenant Family

*“God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.”*

— Psalm 68:6 (NLT)

- Parents → Provide belonging by creating safety, love, and consistency.
- Children → Protect belonging by valuing connection, not isolation or rebellion.

Belonging and honor are inseparable: Belonging says, “You’re in.” Honor says, “You matter.”

**Belonging without honor is fragile; honor without belonging is fake.**

### **3. Honor: The Backbone of Covenant**

*“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord... ‘Honor your father and mother.’ This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, ‘things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.’ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”*

—Ephesians 6:1–4 (NLT)

*“For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.”*

—John 6:38 (NLT)

*“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.’”*

—Matthew 3:17 (NLT)

Honor is the backbone of covenant. Without it, families collapse.

- Parents → Position yourselves to be honorable, not just demand honor.
- Children → Choose to honor even when parents aren't perfect. Grace finds reasons to honor despite flaws.

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**As parents, our call is to live honorably, not just demand honor.**

**Grace looks for reasons to honor, not excuses to dishonor.**

## **4. Breaking Generational Curses**

*“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!”*

—Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

*“But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.”*

—Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

Generational curses are broken in Christ, but families must choose not to carry them forward.

- Parents → Stop passing down bitterness, addiction, or brokenness.
- Children → Don't carry what Christ already canceled.

**Jesus broke the curse at the cross — don't carry what He already canceled.**

## 5. Inheritance & Legacy

*“Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly.”*

—Proverbs 13:22 (NLT)

*“And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.”*

—Romans 8:17 (NLT)

Inheritance is more than money — it's covenant blessing, faith, and freedom.

- Parents → Pass on faith and spiritual legacy.
- Children → Receive what is good, redeem what was broken, and carry covenant blessing forward.

**The best inheritance isn't money — it's covenant blessing.**

## Faith Declarations

- I am a son/daughter of the Most High.
- I choose to honor and be honorable.

- I will not perpetuate past hurts — I will pass on covenant blessings.
- My family will reflect God's family.

## **Summary**

Honor is the backbone of covenant, and belonging is its embrace. Together they heal rejection, break curses, and secure legacy.