



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

February 26, 2023

Message Title: Walk Different

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Points of Consideration:

How Should Children Reflect the Biblical Design for their Relationship to their Parents?

Position-Obedience

Practice-In the Lord

Precept-Righteousness

Discussion Questions:

In Ephesians 6:1, Paul instructs children to “obey your parents in the Lord.” Not only is he instructing children to submit to their parents, but he is also connecting this submission to their right and proper service to the Lord. In other words, submission to one’s parents is service and submission to the Lord. In what practical ways can we:

- As children...begin to obey Jesus by obeying our parents?
- As parents...begin to connect our role as avenues for strengthening our children’s relationship with their Lord?

In Ephesians 6:2, Paul appeals to the fifth commandment and the requirement for children to “honor” their parents. This word denotes more than simple obedience. It instructs children to hold their parents in “high esteem.” This demonstrates that Paul understands that the issue is one of the heart rather than mere blind obedience. In what practical ways can we:

- As children...begin to have the right “heart posture” toward our parents?
- As parents...begin to move beyond “because I said so” to “becoming like Jesus” when we instruct our children?

In Ephesians 6:3, Paul uses the euphemism “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Clearly, God does not promise *long life* due to obeying and honoring our parents. Instead, he

is enforcing a wisdom principle. Namely, those who obey and honor their parents will grow in wisdom and “avoid the ills that naturally befall the foolish.”<sup>11</sup> In what practical ways can we:

- As children... focus on becoming wise through obeying and honoring our parents?
- As parents...focus on our role in God’s conforming our children to the image of Jesus?

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<sup>11</sup> Baugh, S. M. 2015. [\*Ephesians: Evangelical Exegetical Commentary\*](#). Edited by Wayne H. House, Hall W. Harris III, and Andrew W. Pitts. Evangelical Exegetical Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

## Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

### You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

### Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
- Walton County Church Plant
  - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
- Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.

### Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

**We are offering a missions opportunity to work with our partners at Life Community Church in Boston this summer! We will be working with them during Mobilize 2023, which is July 17-23. It is going to be around \$1200, depending on plane ticket cost. This will include all meals from dinner on Monday through breakfast on Sunday, except for Friday. For more details visit the registration page found on church center or through the link that's been posted on social media as well as on the event in the church calendar. Registration will be closed on April 1st! Strongly consider this great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! If you have any questions, email Taylor: [taylor@fusionchurchmadison.org](mailto:taylor@fusionchurchmadison.org)**

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCZ-Vdr2AUI>

- A permanent church building to own.
- “Dots on the Map” for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

Prayer requests from the LCC newsletter:

1. Would you pray for those we are interacting with at our local school? Pray for those we are showing and sharing the gospel with — pray for them to see and hear the good news of Jesus.
2. Would you pray that those who came to our Fall Fest would visit for one of our worship gatherings this Christmas season? Pray that God would stir their hearts to accept their invitation to come and explore what LCC is all about.
3. Would you pray that God would provide an office space for us to rent that will allow us to engage our community and take steps forward as a team?
4. Would you pray for our members — that God would give us endurance and steadfastness as we serve faithfully without many breaks. Pray that God stirs more people to take ownership of our ministry.
5. Would you pray that God would give us His vision for 2023 as a family and a church? Pray that He would give us wisdom and discernment as we seek to steward our energy, attention, relationships, and finances.

## FCA

- Vision for 2023

1. Send 200 athletes and coaches to camp
2. Facilitate 70 huddles that meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly
3. Hire additional full and part-time staff

## Timothy Initiative

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloj, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

## **Nursing Home Ministry**

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

**Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn**

**Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls**

**Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.**

**Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books**

**Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume**

**6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale) 6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies**

**Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards**

**Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets**

**Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps**

**Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves**

**Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!**