

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE GOD WHO PURSUES

KEY POINTS

- **Honor Is the Goal of Every Relationship.** Honor is presented as the missing value behind many broken relationships. The sermon teaches that relationships flourish when we choose loyalty, kindness, and value for people — not based on how they treat us, but based on who we are in Christ.
 - Honor says : "I can't change how you feel about me, but I can change how I feel about you."
- **You Can't Change How Someone Wronged You — But You Can Change How You Respond.** Using Jacob bowing and Esau running to embrace him, the message emphasizes that healing begins with your approach. We are responsible for our response, even when we are not responsible for the offense.
 - Honor says : "I can't change how you wronged me, but I can change how I respond to you."
- **You Can't Change What Was Taken From You — But You Can Change What You Give.** Esau lost his birthright and blessing, yet he gave Jacob grace and peace instead of revenge. The call is to give grace instead of retaliation, echoing the teaching of Romans 12 — overcome evil with good.
 - Honor says : "I can't change what you took from me, but I can change what I give you."
- **Grace Frees You From Being Controlled by Someone Else's Choices.** Bitterness is described as a yoke. Honor and grace break that weight. You don't need their apology to walk in peace — choosing grace releases you from emotional bondage.
- **You Can't Change How You Feel About Others Until You Trust How God Feels About You.** The parallel between Esau's embrace and the father running to the prodigal son shows that transformation flows from experiencing God's love first. You can only extend forgiveness and honor when you are secure in God's grace toward you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. When someone has wronged you, what is your natural first response — avoidance, retaliation, silence, or pursuit — and why do you think that is?**
- 2. In the Jacob and Esau reunion, both brothers changed their approach after years of distance. What do you think had to change internally before reconciliation became possible?**
- 3. The sermon says, “You can’t change what was taken from you, but you can change what you give.” What does giving grace (not access, not trust — but grace) practically look like in a real-life relationship?**
- 4. Bitterness is described as a heavy yoke we eventually have to throw off. How can you tell when hurt has turned into bitterness in your own heart?**
- 5. How does trusting God’s love for you make it easier to forgive and honor others — even when they don’t deserve it?**