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Having a culture of honor is something that sounds desirable. But it is much easier said than done. We like to make honor what ever we want it to be. We want to be honored.

- Honor can sound like a personal code, core values, or being nice. But that isn't a culture of honor.
- Honor is not making people submit to you. We try to take power away from people. Like parents to children, or sometimes men to women. "Do what I say, or I will hurt you." Rich people do this to poor people.
- Leaders tend to create a dominance in their culture. And then we put that on God. The planet is hearing, "Do what I say or I will hurt you." And you can get people to do what you want because they are afraid.
- But the Kingdom of God is not saying this.

1John 4:18 There is no fear in love.

- Culture of honor is driving fear out in how we love people. Honor is what we give to people. Our honor towards another person is not dependent on them, it is dependent on you!

You may be in charge, but you are not in control.

- We try to control others when we feel scared or powerless.
- **You don't earn honor. You are honorable.**

We are to honor a lot of people according to scripture.

- Jesus
- Those in authority
- Parents
- Honor your wife, because they are co-heirs with you.
- Widows and orphans

- People who have less power than you.
- 1 Peter 2:17 **Honor ALL people**
- People who are wrong
- People who are dishonorable

We identify honor as this: I honor the ME in YOU. We honor the things in people that we agree with. We don't have a value for people who are "wrong."

- I justify honoring people who remind me of me by surrounding myself with people like me.

• Honor - To glory in or promote.

- Tiger Woods has always been sponsored by Nike. The moment that he hit his rough patch of questionable life choices all of his sponsorships backed out. They said they could not be represented by him. Nike kept sponsoring him. Nike honored a contract because they are an honorable company.

Honor is made manifest when we disagree, when there is failure and betrayal.

- Jesus told his disciples that they would betray him.
- Then Jesus made a covenant with the very ones who would betray him. This is honor.

• Honor is dependant on your character. Honor is intended to elevate the status of another person. Honor is for the people around you.

Part of Jesus' honor towards us is that he said we would do even greater things than He did.

- We need to value people even though they are different than us.
- Jesus said, no longer do I call you slave, I call you friend.
- How many friends are you the boss of?
- Friends choose each other.
- Friends work together to make the friendship.
- Honor brings prestige to the relationship.

People are not used to being honored.

- We are looking for what is wonderful in the people around us. We are to look at people like God looks at them.
- Heaven knows us for our unfolding destiny, not our past.
- We get to partner with people's tomorrow, instead of keeping them chained to their past. That is a true prophetic culture.