

The Ten Commandments - Part 27: Honor Your Father and Your Mother - Part 1 (10/22/2022)

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I'm excited today because after exhausting the fourth commandment, we will break into the fifth commandment. This is a milestone in the series as a whole because as you leave the fourth commandment and get into the fifth commandment, something happens.

Notice, in the pictograph, the first four commandments are broken into "loving the Lord your God," and the last six are broken into "loving your neighbor as yourself" and all those things which pertain to it. Moving from the fourth commandment to the fifth commandment is extremely significant because the Ten Commandments are compartmentalized into two significant categories. This concept doesn't come from me. This is not "Danielism."



You can read this in the New Testament in Matthew 22:36-40. Yeshua was asked, "Which is the great commandment?" He replied, ³⁷... "You shall love the LORD your God..." which refers to the first four commandments. Then He said, ³⁹... "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" which refers to the last six commandments.

As you look at the construction of the Ten Commandments, notice that God is methodical. He put the commandments in chronological order. He put the commandments which pertain to our relationship with Him and how we honor Him, first. If we can get the "Love the LORD God" commandments right, then we can do the "Love Your Neighbor" commandments. It's interesting to see how God did that.

We will break into the fifth commandment today. Without further ado, let's jump right in:

Exodus 20:12—¹² Honor your father and mother, (אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ, *kabbêd 'êt 'ābîkā wā'êt 'immeḵā*)

This is a very simple commandment. Notice, it doesn't just say to honor your father. If you appreciate the historical context and have read the Tanakh, you understand the Jewish faith historically is patriarchal. The men were the ones who served as the kohanim. Women did not serve in that capacity. The kohanim were the teachers. Others who rose up as leaders and elders were men. The genealogies

listed in scripture are recorded through the men. But this commandment is very specific; it includes mom. **Honor your father and mother.** The mother and father in the home are the judges. Mom is like a Deborah; she is a judge. Dad is a judge. That's the first thing I want to mention.

Secondly, I want to mention one of the most important things in regard to this commandment: this commandment is not conditional. You can search throughout scripture and find various verses addressing this commandment, but you will not find any language stating, "Hey, this is conditional." In other words, you won't find that this commandment is based upon how well you feel mom and dad have done parenting. You can't say, "I will honor my mother and father if they merit my honor. I will respect mom and dad if they have earned my respect." It's not conditional. Your parents' behavior does not change the commandment of God. This is so important. I'm not just talking to the kids, teens and young adults. This applies to all of us. How you treat, respect, revere, and honor your parents is not conditional on their behavior.

You might say, "Well, Daniel, with all due respect, you didn't grow up in my home. You don't know what I've put up with. You don't know how unfairly I've been treated. I've been mistreated. I've been hurt. My parents did a lousy job at setting me up for success. I look at my friends, and their parents provided certain opportunities for them which I didn't have." You may think your parents did a horrible job. You may think they totally failed, but know this: keeping this commandment is not conditional based upon how you feel.

Let me bring this point home. In Matthew 5:44, Yeshua taught something that will be one of the hardest things in your life to do, and you are commanded to do it. He said—⁴⁴ **"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."** Do you think for one moment, Yeshua's command to love your enemies and bless those who persecute you makes the commandment to honor your mother and father conditional, based upon whether you feel your parents merit your honor? The thought is absurd.

Let me take this a step further. There is no way you will ever convince me you can honor your Father in Heaven if you can't honor your mother and father on earth. This is a huge litmus test for us.

As we continue, the LORD added something to this command. It's kind of a motivational addendum, a little bit of incentive, if you will.

Exodus 20:12 continued—¹² **...that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you** (emphasis added).

You want to talk about incentive! Basically, what the LORD said was, "If you want to live, you will honor your mother and father." It's interesting to me that this addendum is unique. Why did the LORD make each commandment entirely unique in its own right, so you stop dead in your tracks and are drawn in to ponder and consider it? You can look at every other commandment in the decalogue, and not one of them bears this addendum. The Apostle Paul picked up on this:

Ephesians 6:2—² **"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:** (emphasis added).

As Paul looked at the Ten Commandments, he stopped and considered the uniqueness of what God had done with this commandment. What has God said? God specifically attached a promise. What is that promise?

Ephesians 6:3—Paul continues—³**“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth”** (emphasis added).

Pay close attention because we are getting a broader perspective on how to understand this commandment. If you honor your mom and dad, the impact it will make on your life is not simply that you will live a long life. It goes way beyond that. There will be peace within you. You will have *shalom*. In a broken world and in a perverse generation filled with chaos, despair, and fear, you will want **“that it may be well with you”**

You might say, “Daniel, it didn't say, **‘that it may be well with you,’** when we read the command in Exodus 20.” Paul quoted the Septuagint, and this is exactly how it reads in the Septuagint. Before you think the Septuagint has things added, this very wording, **“that it may be well with you,”** is in Deuteronomy 5:16 where the Ten Commandments are reiterated. The Septuagint quite brilliantly gave us full understanding of the blessing that is at stake here with the commandment.

Paul revealed something else in this passage which is incredibly important because we need to understand what it means to honor. From a Biblical standpoint, what does it mean for all of us (I'm getting older, but I still have parents) to honor our parents? Check this out:

Ephesians 6:1—¹**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**

Notice how Paul opened up his statement in Chapter 6 with this verse. Paul saying, **“obey your parents”** means **“honor your father and mother.”** We are talking about total obedience. This is about submission to authority. The fundamental basis of this commandment is submission to mom and dad's authority.

That means obey even when you don't agree; when you think your parents are being unreasonable and unfair; and when you are frustrated and angry at the decisions they're making. Do you know what you do? You hold the line, because the devil wants you to embrace the anger. He wants to leverage your frustration. He wants to convince you that you don't need mom and dad, and you don't need to listen to them. He wants to convince you that mom and dad don't care about you, and their sole goal and purpose in life is to ruin your life.

For the most part, I'd like to think I was a pretty good kid. My parents testify to that to this day. But there was a short window where the devil convinced me, and I believed my parents' sole purpose was to destroy my life. I thought they cared nothing about me or my life. I felt they didn't recognize me as an independent soul.

Kids, the devil will try to come into your world and rule you because he doesn't want it to be “well with you.” He doesn't want you to have a long life. He wants you to rebel against mom and dad. He wants to take you out and destroy you.

Let me offer a little bit more incentive. In addition to the awesome blessing of peace, *shalom*, and the favor of God of a long life, we need to consider Ecclesiastes 7:17—¹⁷**Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time?**

Understand, for every single one of us, God has marked out how long He will have us here, but don't think for a moment that can't be shortened. Let me point this out: God said, **“Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish.”** We will see today the book of Proverbs specifically likens a rebellious son, who does not honor his mother and father, to foolishness. That's very important, especially when you consider the commandment, **“honor your mother and father that your days may be long.”**

What's the alternative to that? What do you think is being implied? If you don't honor mom and dad, the LORD will take you out early. What frustrates me is the devil will try to tell you, “No, He won't. God won't make good on His word. You don't have to worry about it. It's not a big deal. You see how Johnny and Susie treat their parents. You see how they rebel. You don't have to put up with it either.” We could spin so many different scenarios right now. It's all about the lies. It's all about you reading the word and saying, “You know what, I have to trust in the Lord. I have to hold the line regardless of how I feel.”

We are all emotional beings. What divides the sheep from the goats is the sheep channel their emotions through the word. They use discipline and self-control. They trust in the word of the Lord and cling to it. They don't believe the lies.

Let me build on this. Deuteronomy 21:18-20—¹⁸ **If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, —these are the judges in the home—and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, ¹⁹ then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. ²⁰ And they shall say to the elders of the city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious;** (emphasis added).

Can you imagine seeing this unfold? The parents of Johnny down the street are having problems with him. All of a sudden, the parents are done. Johnny won't listen to them and continuously practices rebellion in the home. He's out of control, and his parents have had it. So, they take him to the magistrates of the city.

I can't tell you how many times I've known parents who have called the police on their own child because they're done! Their child won't listen to them. They phone the police and tell them to come and get their kid. They want their kid given over to the full measure of the law. Parents have turned their own children in for doing certain things. It's amazing when you see it happen today, and you know it's portrayed in the Torah.

Look at this statement: **“This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious.”** You will find the terms “stubborn and rebellious” in 1 Samuel 15:22-23—²² **So Samuel said: ...“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.**

I bring this to the table, so you feel the weight of what is being conveyed. If your son is stubborn and rebellious, it's as if he's given himself over to witchcraft, and he is an idolater. I point this out, so you understand, rebellion in the home is a serious violation of God's word. You need to have this perspective because the devil wants to convince you it's not a big deal if you are sick and tired of listening to your parents. Actually, it is life and death.

Continuing with Deuteronomy 21:20—²⁰ **...he will not obey our voice;** (emphasis added).

Remember, Paul showed us in Ephesians 6 what it means to honor mom and dad. It means to obey their voice even when you don't agree. In fact, you might categorically disagree. That's what you call submission to authority.

Deuteronomy 21:20 continued—²⁰ **he will not obey our voice;** —a couple of sins are listed—**he is a glutton and a drunkard'** (emphasis added).

These kinds of sins make you think this is like a 30- or 40-year-old living in his parents' basement. You don't typically see a 16-year-old kid dealing with these types of sins. That's a side note; we won't go there.

Deuteronomy 21:21—But here comes the incentive—²¹ **Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones;**

The penalty for rebellion in the home, for not listening to mom and dad, is death. So, when I say, "This is the difference between life and death"; it's true. It's a life and death issue.

Deuteronomy 21:21 continues—²¹ **so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear** (emphasis added).

It's interesting because when Nehemiah saw the nobles of Judah desecrating the Shabbat, he said—¹⁷ **...What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day?** (Nehemiah 13:17). This shows it is truly evil to not observe the sabbath or to desecrate it. It's pure evil. In this same way, it is pure evil not to listen to mom and dad.

I wish (I mean this seriously) when I was 15 years old, I would have heard a message where I would have seen through the eyes of the Lord and felt the weight of what was at stake. Yes, you better believe that would have impacted my decisions and how I reacted to my parents.

In 1973, the Lord gave David Wilkerson a vision. In the vision, five specific things were coming upon America and the world. First, he saw an economic collapse. Second, he saw the earth pounded with hail, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. He saw earthquakes. The Lord showed him a vivid picture of what was coming. When you hear him talk about the third thing he saw, it's mind-blowing. He saw a flood of filth vomited out on this country. It will be given over to unbridled sexual immorality. Almost 50 years later to the year, look at where we are today. We are drowning in a cesspool of Sodom and Gomorrah. Fifth, he saw persecution coming that this country has never known. The fourth picture out of the five pictures he saw is interesting. Of all the things God could have shown him in a vision, David saw rebellion in the home. I want to play this clip for you.

Video Clip of David Wilkerson speaking:

Number four. Rebellion in the home. I see the new number one youth problem in America and the world as hatred toward parents. Now, I'm reading this tonight for fear I change a single word of what I've seen and had to write down as the Holy Spirit laid on my heart. A man's worst enemies will be they of his own household, the Bible says. Children are going to turn against their parents with a passion. Parents are going to be betrayed and will die a thousand deaths at the hands of children, who've learned to despise their hypocrisy. There could be millions of stay-at-home runaways, who need not go away anymore and run away from home, because their parents are going to give them what they

choose and what they want as long as they stay home. Kids will not even be expected to communicate with their parents. They're going to live under the same roof, but will be like enemies at war living under a truce. This is the clearest vision I've ever seen in my life. It's going to be bigger than drug addiction, bigger than sex abuse, or alcohol, or any other youth problems. And in a recent survey we did of 5,000 kids in 12 major cities, over 45 percent said, "I hate my parents already."

End of David Wilkerson Video

Daniel Speaking:

Almost 50 years ago, what the Lord showed David Wilkerson, we are living right now. This is our society right now. The scary reality is this: one of the precursors, by which you know judgment, is rebellious kids, who will not yield and submit to their parents. Look at what we see happening in our society today. There is a major deficit between the children and the parents. All the traditional family values this country held so dearly and all the biblical morality this country, by and large, clung to have been completely eradicated. They have been obliterated.

We need to consider the fact that today, kids don't care what their parents think or what they have to say. There are thousands of parents posting videos of the behavior of their rebellious children. It's absurd how prevalent this issue is. (I debated whether to show some of the videos, and I chose not to.)

With that in mind, consider Proverbs 30:11-12—¹¹ **There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother.** ¹² **There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes—get this—yet is not washed from its filthiness** (emphasis added).

A generation who disrespects mom and dad is a generation that is completely delusional. They believe they are doing no wrong. They are walking according to the dictates of their own heart. We are told when that generation rises, they will not be washed from their filthiness. Do you know what that means? They will not be saved. There is no hope for that generation. The wrath of God will be unleashed on that generation. This behavior is a precursor. It's totally demonic. It's frightening when you realize where our society is at.

2 Timothy 3:1-2—Listen to these words. Paul says—¹ **But know this. that in the last days perilous times will come.** ² **For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy** (emphasis added).

Paul let us know one of the signs when you are living in the end-times, and the coming of Yeshua is at hand, is when society will be given over to the sin of being disobedient to parents. Paul described a generation like unto Noah.

For me, it's one thing to learn what the word says, but it is another thing to experience it. As I read the Bible, I realize this is what we are experiencing. That's much more terrifying. This book has never come to life to a greater degree than it has for me now, because I'm reading current events. I'm reading something written thousands and thousands of years ago, in some cases. The New Testament was written two thousand years ago.

Ezekiel 22:1-2—¹ **Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying** ² **“Now, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Yes, show her all her abominations!** (emphasis added)

The LORD brought a scathing rebuke against His own people. They gave themselves over to sin. It's interesting to note the specific abominations which the Lord zeroes in on.

Jumping down to Ezekiel 22:6—⁶ **Look, the princes of Israel: each one has used his power to shed blood in you.**

Think about that. The magistrates, the people in positions of power and authority, who were governing the land, are the princes who cultivated an environment to take innocent life. I don't want to get ahead of myself, but the next commandment we will cover is **"Thou shalt not murder."** Look at how our country's magistrates (our princes, our legislators) have been legislating the death of the unborn (innocent blood.) Listen to the next thing said:

Ezekiel 22:7—⁷ **In you they have made light a father and mother;** (emphasis added)

One abomination the LORD zeros in on, is that children are not honoring mom and dad anymore. Do you think this doesn't matter to the LORD? Do you think it's not a big deal? It is life and death. It's a precursor. It's a radical judgment. Pay attention; this is important. It says **"in you,"** meaning "in Jerusalem, *Yerushalayim*." **"They"** means "the princes, the people who sit in positions of power and influence." **"They"** have cultivated an environment where it doesn't matter if kids obey mom and dad. You don't have to respect your parents. I'm reminded of King Asa in 2 Chronicles. Because of the chair King Asa sat in, he fostered moral decline.

There are so many people, especially the older generation like my parents' generation (the Baby Boomers and even beyond them), scratching their heads, wondering how this country has gone to the place it has. How did we get here? I will answer that, and it directly pertains to what we're seeing here. Kids, pay very close attention. It is important you understand what is going on in this generation. I'll tell you how this has happened: communism. Communism is one of the greatest manifestations of the mind and heart of the devil, the world has ever seen. That is not hyperbole; that is a fact.

This ideology stands against everything that is biblical. It is diabolically opposed to the word of God, to all the biblical morality found in scriptures, and to all instructions, including honoring mom and dad. This system is alive and well in this country today. In fact, it's been alive and well for decades.

I want to share with you a little snippet of a sermon given on September 30, 1962. This particular message was one of the most important messages this gentleman ever gave, especially in light of where society is at today. He gave this message to his flock, his church. This gentleman needs no introduction: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Listen to his words:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—**Now, let us begin by answering the question which our sermon topic raises: Can a Christian be a communist? — It blows my mind; people are actually asking this question today. — I answer that question with an emphatic "no." These two philosophies are diametrically opposed. The basic philosophy of Christianity is unalterably opposed to the basic philosophy of communism, and all the dialectics of the logician cannot make them lie down together. They are contrary philosophies.**

In other words, Dr. King is saying, "I don't care how much gymnastics you perform to bring these two ideas together; it cannot happen. They're that opposed. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continued—**The other historic and great religions of the world, such as Judaism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, and Hinduism may stand as alternatives to Christianity, but for the most formidable competitor Christianity**

faces in the world today, **we must look to Communism**. No one conversant with the hard facts of modern life can deny the truth that **communism is Christianity's most serious rival** (emphasis added).

Communism is the greatest enemy of the Judeo-Christian faith. That is not an exaggeration; that is a fact which exists in the world today. This ideology ripped prayer out of our schools, brought the sexual revolution, and brought Roe vs Wade. This ideology teaches our kids today, they don't need to honor mom and dad. They can bypass mom and dad.

This is a quote from the father of communism, Karl Marx, although the true father of communism is the devil, the father of lies (John 8). Listen to what Karl Marx had to say:

Karl Marx—**Accumulate, accumulate!**

This is a derogatory statement against the capitalist. I want you to understand, before I finish this statement, that capitalism is Marxism's enemy. They will tell you capitalism is the ability to acquire wealth. I want you to see how the father of communism utilized this statement:

Karl Marx—**Accumulate, accumulate! This is Moses and the Prophets!** (emphasis added)

Do you understand this is the arch enemy of the Torah and the Prophets, the Word of the Living God? Marx hated it. In Marx's mind, Moses and the Prophets needed to be eradicated, so communism could grow. And he was absolutely right.

Karl Marx continued—**The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, abasement, submission,** (emphasis added)

Marx read from the Bible that man is to submit to God, wives are to submit to their husbands, and children are to submit to their parents. All of this was pure evil in Marx's mind. He despised this.

Karl Marx continued— **humility, in a word all the qualities of the canaille.**

In other words, all the qualities of the riffraff, pathetic pieces of garbage. The holy tenants, the truth in God's word, is reduced to garbage. This is the heartbeat of communism.

Why am I going off in a tangent about this? Listen to me kids. The answer is simple. The primary target of this well-organized, sophisticated, seductive system is you. You are the primary target. The devil wants to separate you from mom and dad. There is relentless propaganda about this. I want to share a video clip with you. Check this out:

Video Clip of Melissa Harris-Perry speaking:

We have never invested as much in public education as we should have — because we've always had kind of a private notion of children — your kid is yours and totally your responsibility — we haven't had a very collective notion of these are our children — so part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents or kids belong to their families and recognize that kids belong to whole communities — once it's everybody's responsibility and not just the households, then we start making better investments.

End of Melissa Harris-Perry Video

Daniel Speaking:

This garbage is being spewed in our society. According to communism, your kids don't belong to you. God has given the parents the responsibility to influence, rear, correct, admonish, and protect their children.

Marxism is everywhere. It is even in the Christian colleges. It's pure garbage. It comes in unsuspectedly and deceptively. Its goal is to separate you from mom and dad. And know this: in the devil's mind, the beautiful structure we call family which God created, beginning with the holy blessed union of one man and one woman, has to be broken down.

I will tell you why. Children, God gave you parents to protect you. They are a layer of insulation against the evil one. Trust in that protection even when you're frustrated or angry. If you don't see this kind of propaganda on TV or hear it from a teacher, the devil will whisper in your ear, "You don't need mom and dad."

Parents, isn't it nice the collectivists are willing to help us out and bear the burden of brainwashing the children? It's insane.

Listen to me carefully, young kids (I don't care how young you are), young teens, older teens, and young adults. Everything set up in our society, right now, is set up to destroy you. I'm talking about social media, the various news outlets, the entertainment arena, our legal system, and our educational system.

I wish I had time to go through the history of communism. In the '60s, Dr. King had to deal with how prolific communism was and how much of an advantage it was given in this country.

It was to the point that in 1964, John Stormer said, "[Communism has infiltrated every facet of our society: from the news, from the media, to the judges, to the bench, to legislators, to people in the FBI.](#)" This was documented in the '60s. The biggest thing he recorded was communism had infiltrated into the churches at the highest level to bring in Marxism.

In case you think, I'm "off my rocker", I will share a couple headlines with you. I could spend months doing this because thousands of headlines like this have come across my desk in the last two years. Pay attention, kids, so you can see you are the target.

Look at this CBN News: [California Public School Bypasses Parents with 'Transition Closet' for Teens Who Want to Cross-Dress in Class](#). The education system doesn't believe the parents have any value. They are a hindrance, so they will encourage kids to completely bypass the parents. This is what I'm talking about. This is the heartbeat of the devil. This is absolutely demonic.



Listen to me, children. If you come up against someone, who is trying to convince you to bypass your parents, turn your back and walk away. Don't listen to them. That person does not have your best interests at heart. People, the value and love you will build upon is the authority God has given your parents. That's part of the job of any church and a community at large. It's not to undermine the parent's authority; it's to build upon it and encourage kids to love, honor, and respect their parents. That is holiness.

Look at this. Talk about the legislative system. [Jane's Due Process](#) — Apparently, there is a website dedicated to help teens who are in a crisis, — [Can teens get abortions without parental permission? Yes, if you're under 18 and want to get an abortion but cannot notify or get the consent from one parent or a legal guardian, you can apply to get permission from a judge, instead. This is called a judicial bypass. It is entirely confidential— your parents will not be involved](#) (emphasis added).

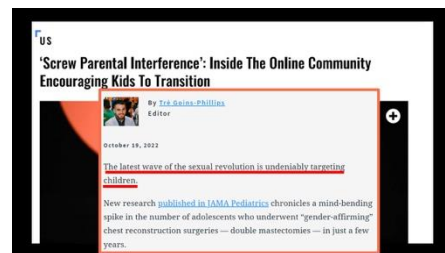


Through communism, the devil tries to convince kids they don't need mom. Abortion is one of the most catastrophic decisions a young teen can make in their life. The devil doesn't want mom and dad involved in that decision, even though the parents know what their child would have to live with for the rest of their life, and they want to help their child. Absolutely demonic. Kids, you are the target.

We read this — ['Forget Parental Interference': Inside The Online Community Encouraging Kids To Transition](#)



It continues and says—[The latest wave of sexual revolution is undeniably targeting children](#). This is sick. It is so evil and so diabolical, and we are standing by and seeing this. The children need to be warned. They need to understand what is happening. I didn't put the article up here, but this article talks about a young gal, Chloe, who had a double mastectomy because she was exposed to this kind of narrative which is being thrust down kid's throats. She has now detransitioned. It's amazing what the article records. She acknowledges if she had not been exposed to this narrative, she probably would have never done this. She regrets it deeply.



Look at this— [‘Gender-Affirming’ Mastectomies in Children Spike 389% From 2016 to 2019](#). The devil is gaining ground against the children. This is happening because he's separating the children from the parents. In some cases (I attest to the reality), parents are absolutely failing. They are not holding fast to the word of the Lord.



Vladimir Lenin said—[Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted](#).

I am not overstating, kids, you are the target. Be mindful.

Proverbs 15:5—⁵ [A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.](#)

Kids, anyone who says you don't need mom or dad is attempting to get you to play the fool. Know the price. Know what it's going to cost.

Proverbs 17:25—²⁵ [A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.](#)

Kids, if you give into the vile propaganda flooding the airways, the internet, and the school systems and give into your discontentment, frustration and anger, count the cost. What do I mean by that? You will cause great pain to your dad, who will grieve, because you are not listening to him. You will cause mourning to your mother, who will go to sleep weeping, because you're not respecting, honoring, and listening. Rebellion comes at a great price. It causes so much pain and sorrow. It affects the entire family.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10a—⁹ [Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."](#) ^{10a} [And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me,...](#)

It's pretty straightforward. It's a prayer I think most of us have prayed: "God be with me. You be my God, and I will be your child. Be with me and bless me." Jacob clung to Yeshua, Who's called the angel in Genesis 32 and said, ["I will not let You go unless You bless me."](#) Jabez has this heart. He wants this. But listen to what he asked for next:

1 Chronicles 4:10b—^{10b} [...and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"](#) So God granted him what he requested. (emphasis added).

This was his heart. This was what Jabez asked the Lord. He did not want to cause pain. We should take this one simple reality, ["keep me from evil"](#), and pray for that ourselves.

Where have you heard that before? What did Yeshua teach us in the Lord's Prayer? ["But deliver us from the evil one."](#) Talk about getting great insight into that prayer, and what's behind it, and the impact it is supposed to have when we pray, ["Deliver us from the evil one."](#) It's so we don't cause pain.

Not just children, not just teens, not just young adults, not just adults, but all humanity struggles with being blind and selfish. When we cater to selfishness, we don't think of the bigger picture. We don't consider the impact of our actions. I'm telling you, there is pain and sorrow. I don't want to be a person who causes pain.

We are called to be a people who cause blessing, cause unity, bring joy in the home, by building and speaking life into people.

We'll close here.