

# Session **6**

## **Parenting with Honor #2: When Parents Change, Kids Change**

### **Summary of the Video:**

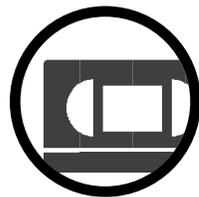
Three more honor-based parenting skills are presented in this session. "Use sorrow instead of anger in the discipline process" reflects the way God grieves when we sin against him as mentioned in Ephesians 4:30. "Use decision making and problem solving to teach honor" helps parents know when to step in and how to use common everyday experiences in the teaching process. And "Envision a positive future" helps parents to focus on the positive qualities in their children so they can encourage their kids with a preview of a successful future. Jesus is used as a model of balance as he worked with his disciples.

### **Read Along in the Book: "Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes, in You and Your Kids"**

Pages 106-109 suggest the value of using problems to teach children honor. Instead of just solving the problem with kids, why not use the opportunity presented to teach children how we solve them.

### **Suggested Introduction:**

We're learning that honor is a two-way street. We can't just teach our kids honor but we too need to grow in the way we treat others, including our children. So, this session gives us some more practical ideas of ways we can do that without compromising our authority or our identity as parents. We can't just become buddy, buddy with our kids. We need to keep some sense of our parental role in the process. Dr. Turansky and Mrs. Miller teach us how.



**Show the  
Session #6 video**

### **Suggested Transition:**

I know that the wheels are turning in some of your heads. You like what you hear but you're trying to figure out how to put it together for your family. In your discussion groups look for ways that you can apply honor to solve the day-to-day issues you face.

### **Goal of the Discussion:**

To help parents think through some specific ways they can honor their children more as they do the hard work of parenting.



**Give 30-35 minutes for  
group discussion and  
prayer, then encourage  
everyone to come  
back together**

### **Suggested Conclusion:**

Having kids means that parents change. Just think, we could have lived a life with no kids. That would have been different, that's for sure. Parenting challenges us in ways we never imagined. We need to pray for our kids but we also need to pray for ourselves that God would show us ways that we can grow in this area of honor. Well, practice it this week and then let's get back together for more next week.

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Honor-Based Parenting is characterized by...

Express sorrow instead of anger in the discipline process

Use problem-solving and decision-making to teach children about honor

**One thing I'm going to work on is...**

Envision a positive future for your child

“*Parents often gravitate toward one extreme or another as they're parenting their children. They either choose freedom-oriented parenting that emphasizes helping children be happy or power-directed parenting which emphasizes a parent-centered approach. We don't believe that a parent-centered approach or a child-centered approach is the best. We believe that a God-centered approach is the ideal and God has implemented honor as a concept he wants families to understand. We believe that honor-based parenting is the best way to go.*”

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- Why might it be better to reflect sorrow instead of anger in the discipline process?
- How can you reflect sorrow when you feel angry?
- Can you think of some ways that God envisions a positive future for his children? What are some Bible verses that talk about an exciting future for the believer?
- Share one positive quality about each of your children and explain to the group how this quality will help your child be successful as an adult.
- What is one way you would like to grow in honor as you relate to your children?