

## Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

I believe the Body of Christ is on the edge of the greatest revival ever

If we are going to be a part of this revival, we must have a desire for "more" and an understanding of the **culture** that will usher it in and maintain it.

More miracles, healings, deliverance, glory, power, more ministries and churches planted, more of the presence of God

## 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises** of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- Identity doesn't come from education it comes from impartation
- We are "sent" to change our culture

We are living in a new Kingdom with a new identity

## Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> He has **delivered** us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us** into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love

## John 15:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

I believe that the church has had overemphasized obedience and underemphasized friendship

- This has resulted in our relationships with God being more robotic and soldier-like
- God wants friends not slaves
- He invites us into conversations with Him
- A friend talking with a friend

The Lord wants us to trust Him regardless of the place He is taking us to – Moses, The Apostle Paul

- How many of us would go where the Lord asked us to go, knowing that suffering was awaiting?
- Most of us would reject anything that seemed uncomfortable as being from the Lord
- Many times, in the prophetic realm God is testing our hearts more than determining our destiny

Moses is saying to God that his relationship with God is more important than any vision he has personally for his life

- We must want Him more than what He does
- When you love Jesus more than the world you discover a place filled with joy and friendship

## Acts 2:17 (NKJV)

*<sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

Even though it’s true that the next generation is instrumental in reaching the lost, revival comes through the Spirit of God moving in every generation working together

## Malachi 4:5–6 (NKJV)

*<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*

- The only way the devil can delay revival is to curse the earth with generational division
- When generations join together it breaks the curse off of our lands
- There is a popular modern cultural thought, influenced by the devil that dishonors the older generations
- In the Kingdom of God, we see that the elderly are given more respect and honor than the younger generations

This Kingdom perspective brings unity and power, the culture of the world brings division and a lack of power

Honor is one of the greatest Kingdom attributes in the Bible

- When the Kingdom is present inside of us, honorable behavior comes naturally
- We give honor to all men not just because they deserve it, but because we are honorable citizens of the King

When we live with a Kingdom mindset our behavior is not determined by our temporal environment but the environment on the inside of us

- When we honor people even when they don't honor us, we are proving that we have an honorable mindset
- We honor others because we are honorable
- Christian honor is a condition of the heart
- We value people because they are created in the image of God

### Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

- There is a relationship between honor and life
- When we honor others, we recognize their authority and yield to their position
- Honor is humility in action
- True honor is also shown to others when they're not around

Honor is the act of placing value on another according to the values of the Kingdom of God

When honor is embraced in a multi-generational context it empowers the members in that community

- It eliminates the need for control and disunity
- It creates order through dignity instead of fear of punishment
- Order enforced through fear results in control
- Order fostered by honor results in empowerment

Over the past fifty plus years we have seen an erosion in generational honor and trust

- All the way from the White House to our families and businesses, as well as in the church
- We have discovered that those we have trusted have lied, cheated and stolen from us
- Often living lives of inconceivable immorality
- All the while we have also seen an erosion in the morality and values in our families
- The result is the current generation being the most fatherless generation in the history of the world

The result is a generation that believes they have the latest, greatest, smartest way of doing everything

- Determined to change the structure to fix what the previous generations have messed up – who can blame them?

Trying to fix the problem by changing the structure without healing the heart will have no long-term affect

Honor is a matter of the heart and requires an honest assessment of the value of other people and a choice to focus on that above ourselves

- Instead of changing the structure Jesus taught us to change our hearts

At a wedding dinner where people were scrambling to get the best seats of honor to be noticed by the most prominent people in the room, Jesus said...

### Luke 14:7–11 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you and him come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### James 4:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says: “*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*”

## Mark 9:35 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

- This principle is foundational in the Kingdom of God
- God is a God of honor
- The only way honor works is if there are levels of honor
- It permits us to honor others above ourselves
- In doing so we allow God to honor us

It is because Jesus desires us to have honor that He teaches us to humble ourselves and show honor to others

Jesus never said that all of His followers would have the same seat next to Him in His Kingdom, He said to His disciples that their seat would be determined by His Father – **Matthew 20:23**

- The words “least” and “greatest” are words God often uses to describe people
- This is what the “Government” of heaven is all about
- With this structure there are people elevated above others
- These people have something we need
- Elisha realized he needed Elijah’s mantle
- We have much to receive from those who have gone beyond us

To receive an inheritance and impartation from them we need to have faith that they have much to give

- We show this through honor them in our hearts

When we try to change the structure of the Kingdom, we prevent ourselves from receiving the benefits of life from godly leadership – Mothers and Fathers

- Blaming them and then abandoning the principles of God's Kingdom only destroys us and keeps us from His blessings
- The Kingdom is built on levels of honor
- This allows life to flow to every member as each person gives and receives the honor properly due

### Romans 12:3–8 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function

### Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

- Honor is an important catalyst in life
- We need to cultivate an attitude within us and a culture around us that promotes it
- Honoring each other is vital to our growth in God



## An Extravagant Manifestation of Honor

In **Matthew 26** we see a poor woman break an alabaster vial of expensive perfume and pour it over Jesus' head

The disciples become indignant and say that this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor

- Jesus reminds them that they will always have the poor with them, but He would be leaving soon
- Then He makes this statement

### **Matthew 26:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

- Because she has honored Him, she will be honored in the Gospels
- Paupers know how to give when there is a need
- Giving to someone who doesn't have a need seems like a waste of money
- Princes give in order to honor people as well as to the needy

The principal of honor is demonstrated every time we worship  
We don't worship God because He needs our encouragement or anything else from us

- Yes, He deserves our praise and worship
- But we offer Him our worship out of honor and praise that He doesn't need

In the same way when kings, presidents, and prime ministers give gifts to one another, they intentionally refrain from giving anything that is needed

- That would expose a place of vulnerability
- Which would actually dishonor him
- It would be like they were saying they discovered a place of need in their life
- When we are fulfilling a need we are saying we have something another doesn't have

The disciples had a pauper's perspective on stewardship

- They saw what the woman did as a waste of time
- Jesus saw it as an extravagant honor which would make her famous

Honor will change the way you see the King, His Kingdom and the way you relate to His sons and daughters

### Matthew 10:40–42 (NKJV)

<sup>40</sup> “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Honor can be a powerful tool of evangelism

**James 2:1–4 (NKJV)**

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord of glory*, with partiality. <sup>2</sup> For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, <sup>3</sup> and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” <sup>4</sup> have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

- When we honor others, we show that we value them
- When this is genuine, we gain influence with them
- When we give honor to only gain influence it ceases to be honor
- Honor must be in our hearts
- Judging and labeling groups of people usually promotes dishonor
- Most of us are living life to gain respect and honor and position rather than living to respect and honor others

What if we truly created a culture where we were more concerned with giving honor and respect than giving it?

- Think about it, that’s exactly what God has done for us through the life and death of Jesus Christ