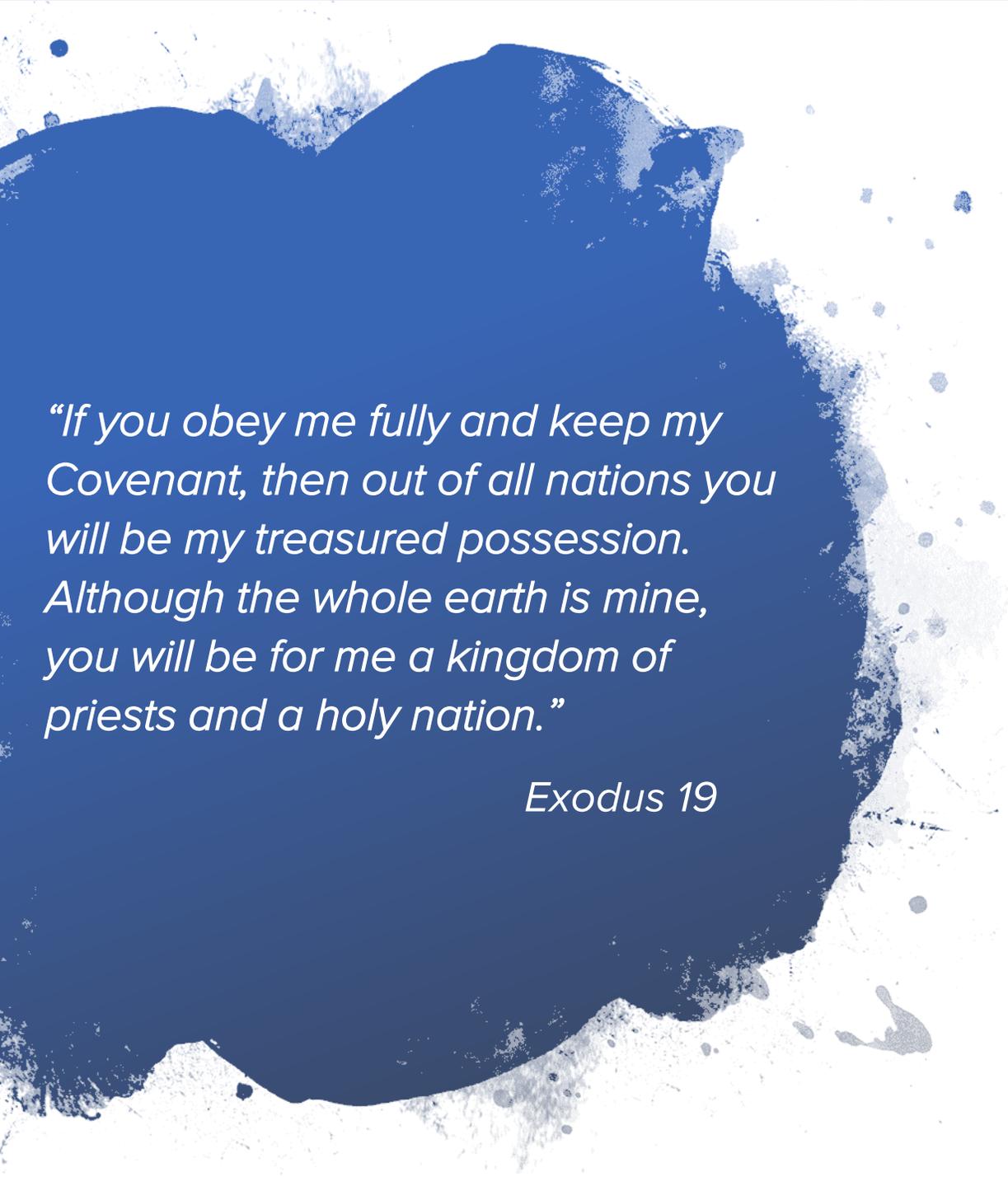


*And God spoke these words,  
“I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of Egypt,  
out of the land of slavery.*

Exodus 20

1. God aligns Himself with them:
  - “I am the LORD, your God...”
2. God reveals Himself to them:
  - “**I brought you out of Egypt**, out of the land of slavery.”



*“If you obey me fully and keep my Covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”*

*Exodus 19*

3. God introduces meaning for them:

- **“You will be for me** a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

... as priests, they will lead the rest of the world to worship Yahweh, too, **but only if** they follow His instruction.

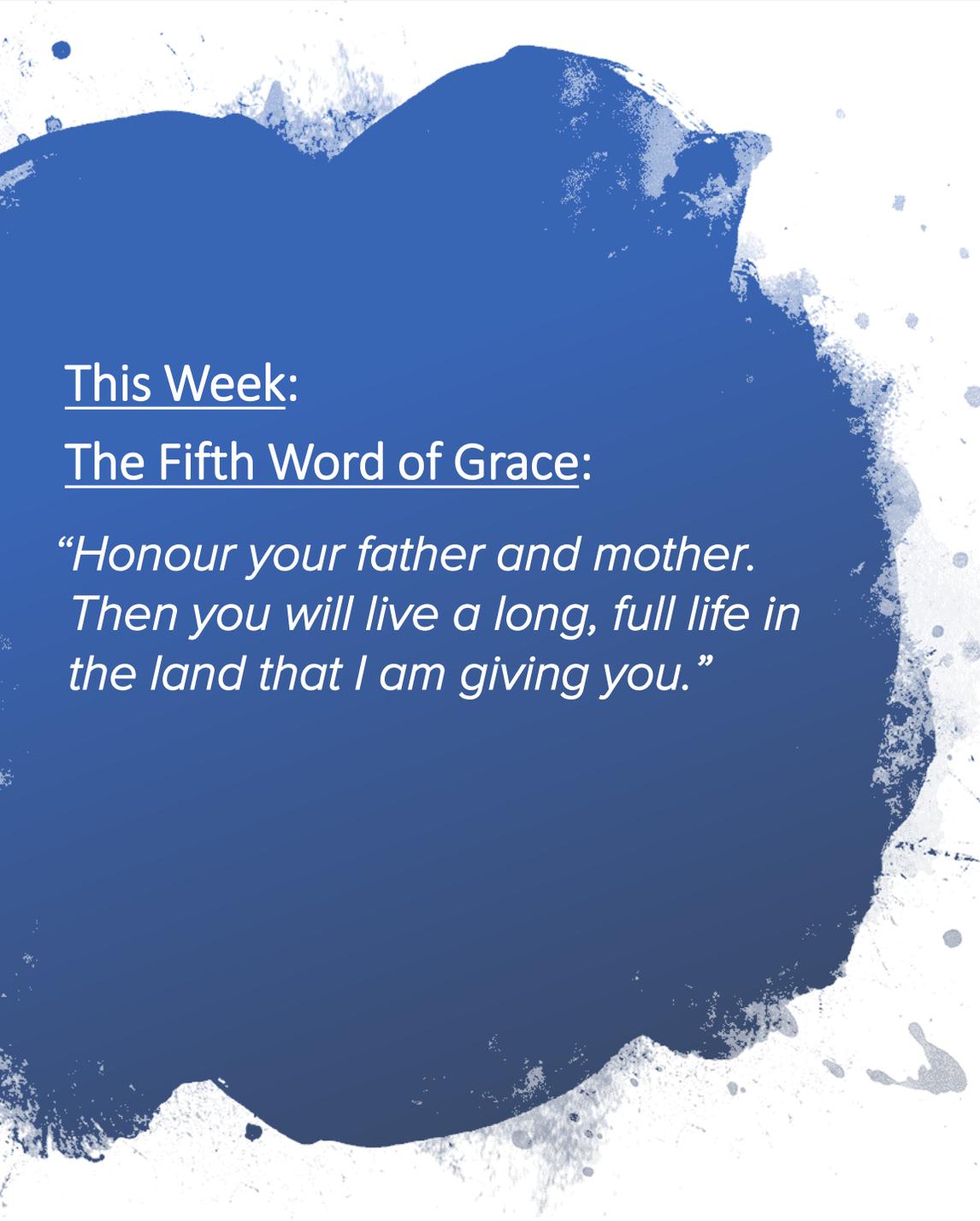


## Commandments 1-4: Loving God.

- No other gods
- No idols
- Honouring God's name.
- Practicing Sabbath rest

## Commandments 6-10: Loving Others.

- Honouring parents
- Murder
- Adultery
- Stealing
- False Testimony
- Coveting



This Week:

The Fifth Word of Grace:

*“Honour your father and mother.  
Then you will live a long, full life in  
the land that I am giving you.”*

**Truth:** The Family Unit is the foundation for  
all human relationships.

*<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own  
image. In the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

*<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful  
and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.*

Genesis 1

**Note:** following Creation, Satan immediately  
attacks the Family Unit.

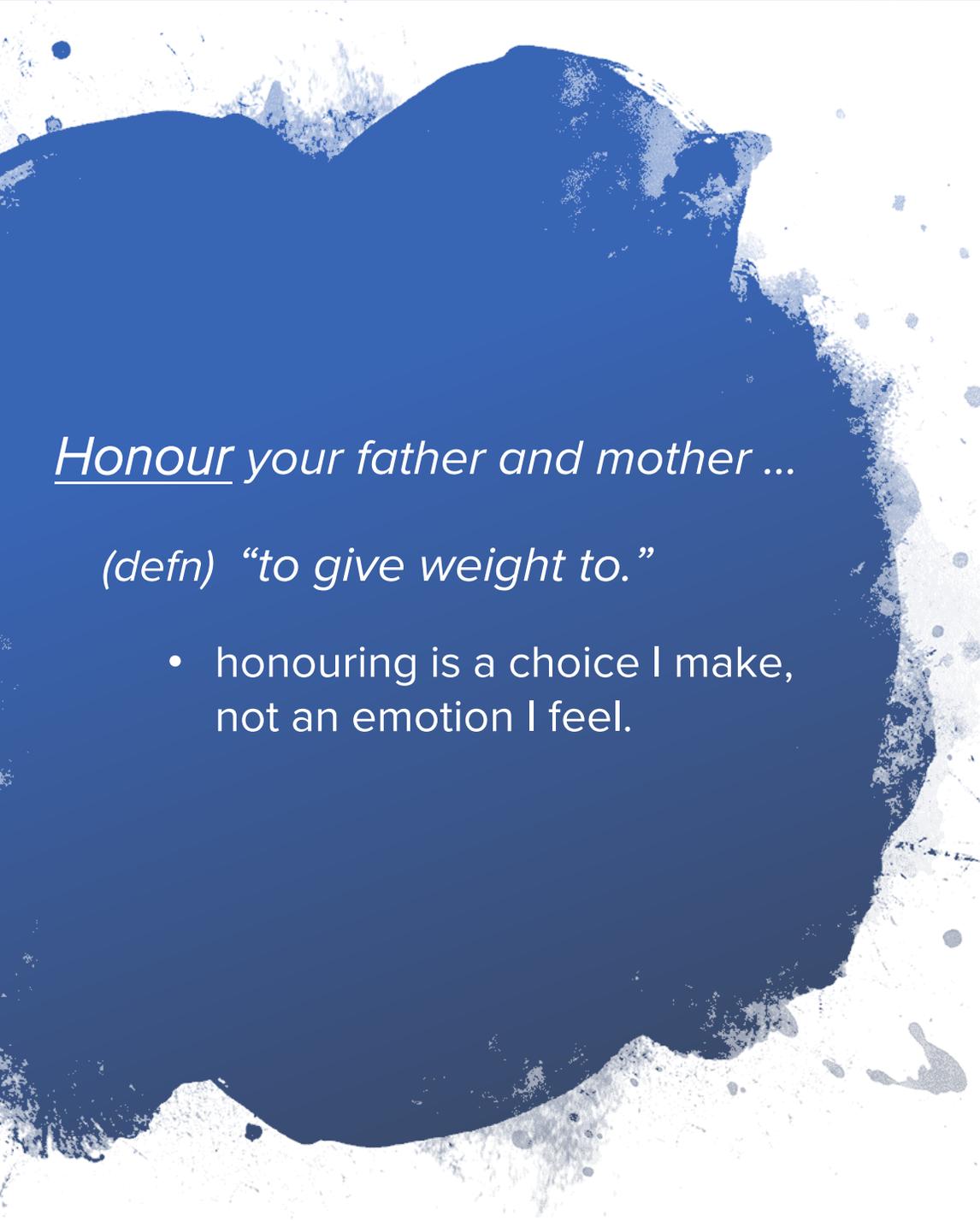
- Adam & Eve: Genesis 3.
- Cain & Abel: Genesis 4.



God creates us at birth to be profoundly vulnerable, and needful of our parents care.

... because we enter life so vulnerable, our parents have a penetrating and lasting affect upon us. This is why:

- some of us honour our parents easily.
- some of us struggle to honour our parents at all.
  - ... it feels inappropriate and even malicious to do so.



Honour your father and mother ...

(defn) “to give weight to.”

- honouring is a choice I make, not an emotion I feel.

My willingness to honour my parents rests in how well they have taught me to handle positional authority and moral authority.

- I will struggle honouring them if they have not handled their authority well.
- I will struggle honouring them if I am not handling my authority well.

Fact: There are no perfect parents, but the closer our parents behave like Jesus, the easier it is to honour them.

## Honouring our parents.

### 1. Childhood: Obedience

- responsibility of parents to teach their children to obey them because they trust them.
- children learn this through firm, fair & consistent love that:
  - instructs them.
  - serves them,
  - disciplines them.

*Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup> If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”*

*<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

Ephesians 6

**Principle: You train your children to trust and obey God by trusting & obeying you.**

## Honouring our parents.

### 2. Adolescence: *Respect*

- responsibility of parents to teach their children how to think critically and make decisions carefully.
- teens learn this when fair & wise counsel is provided at appropriate moments of independence.

Note: As a parent, your relationships are critical at this stage of your child's life. Their ability to think critically will point out to them your relational priorities:

- with Jesus.
- with their mother/father.
- with others.

## Honouring our parents.

### 3. Young Adulthood: *Independence*

- I honour my parents by demonstrating godly, capable independence:
  - I study & work towards a career.
  - I get a job and pay my way.
  - I date responsibly, and treat the opposite sex respectfully.
  - I leave and begin a new home.

The failure to leave parents financially and emotionally, is a central issue in almost all marital conflict ...

when the apron strings are never really severed, respect and security within the new marriage is never really established.

Dan Allender

## Honouring our parents.

### 4. Adulthood: Caring

- the longest stage of honouring.
- responsibility of children to care for their aging parents, *emotionally, relationally, physically, financially.*

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? <sup>4</sup> For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ <sup>5</sup> But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ <sup>6</sup> In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. <sup>7</sup> You hypocrites!

Matthew 15

## Honouring our parents.

### 4. Adulthood: *Caring*

- responsibility of children to care for their aging parents, *emotionally, relationally, physically, financially.*

*25 Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.*

*26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son."*

*27 And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.*

John 19

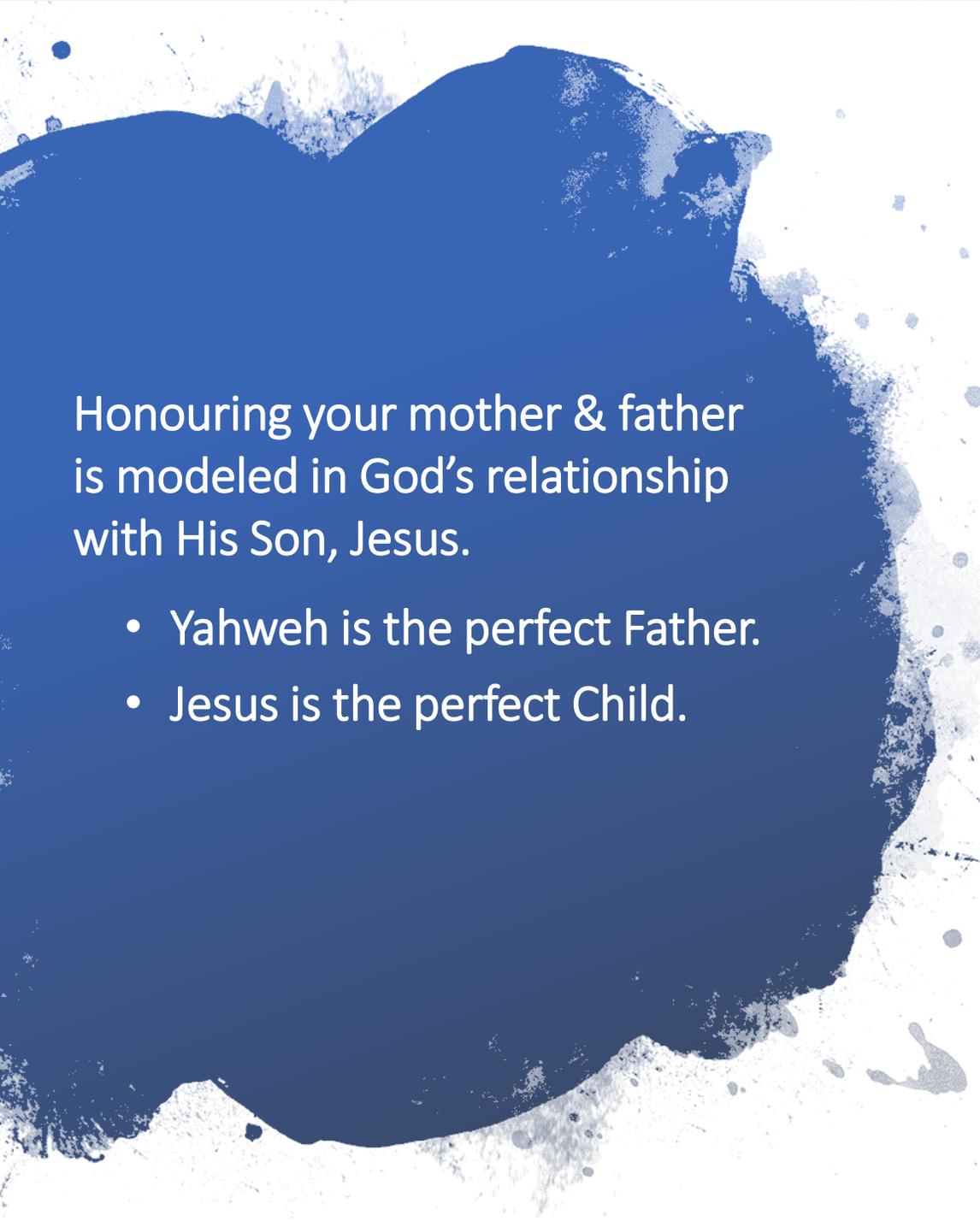
## Honouring our parents.

I also honour my parents by recognizing their human frailty, and forgiving them when they fail.

- this can be very difficult where abuse & neglect have happened.
  - ... we can forgive only because we, too, have been forgiven in Christ.

**Note:** This does not mean: (Tyler David)

- a. that what they did was no big deal.
  - forgiveness does not minimize evil, but it does maximize the power of the Cross.
- b. that I have to be close with my parents.
  - but it does mean that I pray that God will provide His best for them.
- c. that my forgiveness will erase all my brokenness.
  - but it means that grace now defines me, so that I can say, *“Father, forgive them.”*



Honouring your mother & father  
is modeled in God's relationship  
with His Son, Jesus.

- Yahweh is the perfect Father.
- Jesus is the perfect Child.

*Jesus prayed, <sup>20</sup> "Father, I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*

*<sup>22</sup> "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.*

John 17