

The Jesus Difference – Week 6 – 3-12-23 – Pastor Bill

1. Tells us about your family growing up.
2. Tells us about your family now.

*Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents as believers in the Lord. Obey them because it's the right thing to do. <sup>2</sup>Scripture says, "Honor your father and mother." That is the first commandment that has a promise. <sup>3</sup>"Then things will go well with you. You will live a long time on the earth." (Deuteronomy 5:16)*

3. Why should children obey their parents?
4. How does this dynamic apply to adult children?
5. Why should children honor their parents?
6. What are your thoughts about the promise God gives for those who honor their parents?
7. What does honoring our parents look like as adults?
8. Can you obey without honoring?
9. Can you honor without obeying?

*<sup>4</sup>Fathers, don't make your children angry. Instead, instruct them and teach them the ways of the Lord as you raise them.*

10. Pastor Bill said that the word 'Fathers' in verse 4 would apply to parents in general today. What does it mean as a parent to not make our children angry (or exasperate them)?
11. What struggles do you see or experience parents having today in this area?
12. What problems result from being 'me centered' as a parent?
13. What problems result from 'child centered' parenting?
14. What does Jesus-centered parenting look like?
15. How does Ephesians 6:4 this apply to adult children?
16. Every child and every parent is imperfect. How should this truth impact us as a children and parents?
17. How does prayer impact us as children and parents? How does it impact our children and/or parents?
18. What is your 'take-away' or next step from these verses?