



## Respect – Show some

*“Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.”*

– 1Peter 2:17. Respect incorporates love for others, godly living and showing honor to the authorities. Showing respect for others is not an option, but is indeed at the core of the Christian faith.

**Dad** - Underline a rating on the level of respect your dad exemplified for:

His employer;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
The local law enforcement;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Your teachers and coaches;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Your mother and family; and	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
The word of God as the absolute truth.				<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>

**Student** - Circle a rating on the level of respect your dad exemplifies today for each category.

*(Dad - encourage honesty and listen well to the ratings. Accept affirmation and steer clear of being defensive.)*

**Dad** - Give a specific example on where you rated your dad *high*, and another where the rating is *low* or *so-so*.

**Student** - Do the same.

## Discussion time:

*Respect is caught as much as it is taught*

- Discuss a positive example from the ratings above.
- Discuss an area of challenge in respecting someone.

*Respect, honor starts at home - 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. - Exodus 20:12.*

Jesus gave two commandments: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind;” and to “... love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Discuss how Jesus lived out the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.
- Each to share a story of how you have or have not honored your father.
- Each to share a story of how you have or have not honored authority.

**We commit to:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayer guide:** Lord, I confess I failed to respect my father in my younger years and indeed did more to dishonor him than to honor him. Thank You for the grace in my life to open that door to reconcile relationship with him just as You opened the door through Your Son, Jesus the Christ to reconcile relationship with You. Forgive me for failing to respect my father and for how I allowed that to manifest into disrespect for others. In Your strength I repent and under Your word I accept responsibility to respect others as You command and to be respectful as an example in my family and beyond. Amen.