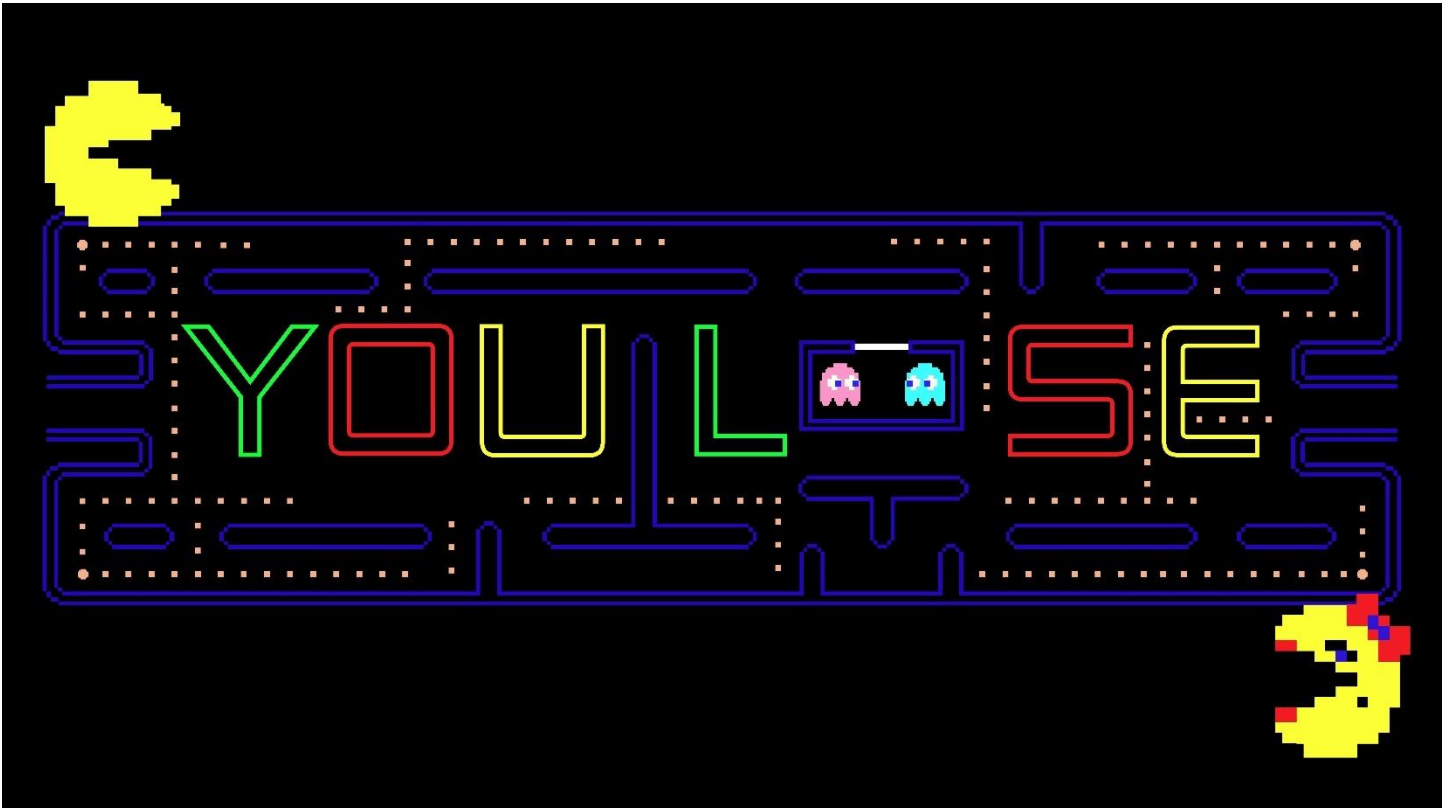


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*Eph 6:1-4, ESV – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 31, 2019

Eph 6:1 - 4

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that children must obey their parents. According to Paul, why is the obedience of children essential for themselves and the family as a whole?
- 2 Likewise, we were reminded that parents must "bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Practically speaking, how do parents fulfill this responsibility? In what ways can parents miss the mark?
- 3 Based on the passage, how are obedience and honor related? Why do you think Paul uses these two terms instead of only one?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 **Ex 20:12, ESV** – ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

Deut 5:16, ESV – ¹⁶ "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

Prov 1:8, ESV – ⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, ⁹ for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

Looking at Ephesians 6:1 and the passages above, what does Paul mean when he says, "for this is right."?

Why does Paul emphasize that this commandment comes with a promise?

How can, and should, children honor their father and mother?

How can adult children honor their father and mother?

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Deut 6:4-9, ESV – ⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Prov 22:6, ESV – ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

When reading passages about the parent – child relationship, we see that parents are to train, teach, and instruct their children with gentleness. What are parents supposed to teach their children? Why?

What is the time frame in which the parents should be teaching and instructing their children? Why is this the opportune time frame?

What are some practical ways that parents can train up their children in our post-modern culture?

TAKING IT HOME

Children are called to obey and honor their father and mother. Children, in what ways have you done this well? In what ways have you not done this well? In what ways will you work improve in this area of your life? Share your plan with an accountability partner and pray together.

Parents are called to teach, train, and instruct their children in the way of the Lord. Parents, in what ways have you done this well? In what ways have you not done this well? In what ways will you work to improve in this area of your life? Share your plan with an accountability partner and pray together.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deut 4:9

Deut 11:9

Prov 19:18

1 Cor 10:11

Col 3:20-21

2 Tim 3:16