The Child's Role In The Family

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to speak on the topic of the child's role in the family.
- We had King Hezekiah, good king. King Manasseh, pretty bad. King Ammon, bad. Josiah, good. What is going on?
- If that humility had been instilled in him before this point, this captivity, this great wickedness that Judah suffered from in his reign and after his reign, might never have had to come to pass.

1 Not to Be the Center of the World

Ephesians 6:1–3; Isaiah 55:8–9

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother.
- First of all, what is not the child's role is to be the center of the world.
- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, my ways, declares the Lord.
- It is not their role to get everything that they want.

2 Not to Just Do Whatever They Want

Ecclesiastes 11:9–10

- Rejoice, O young man in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth.
- But know that for all these things, God will bring you into judgment.
- So we see there is no period where you just say, oh, well, whatever I feel like, because I'm young, it's okay.

3 The Ultimate Goal Is to Get to Heaven

Luke 2:52

- And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men.
- But here is the ultimate goal, and this is going to set up a lot of the roles of the child is to get to heaven.
- If you have a household with a mom and dad and children, what is the goal of every individual in that home? To get to heaven.

4 To Honor the Parents

Matthew 15:1–4

- We need to recognize as children that our parents have given up great things so that they can be there with us.
- For God commanded, honor your father and your mother.
- These were adults who were breaking the commandment to honor their father and their mother.

- That children are subject to honoring their parents for how long? As long as there is a parent-child relationship.
- We need to recognize that we are not the center of the world. And that training can and should start in the home.

5 To Listen and to Obey

Deuteronomy 11:18–19; Proverbs 1:8–9; Colossians 3:20

- You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house.
- So what is the implication of the child's role? It is to listen.
- Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teachings.
- Children, obey your parents in everything. For this pleases the Lord.
- Children were not taught from an early age to honor their parents, to listen to them, and to obey them.

6 To Serve God

Isaiah 7:15

- But consider with me one final rule. And it's to serve God.
- This child is a child of God and has the same obligations to the church family that I do.
- It is important for me to serve God. There are needs in the church family.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How are we going to live? How are we going to train? What roles are we going to take as an adult or as a child in the home?**

MY NOTES