



February 12-17, 2017 • Community Group Lesson Plan • Winter Quarter - Week 5 • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Joyful Obedience

Passage: Colossians 3:20

Why should children obey their parents?:

Point 1: Jesus enjoys obedience

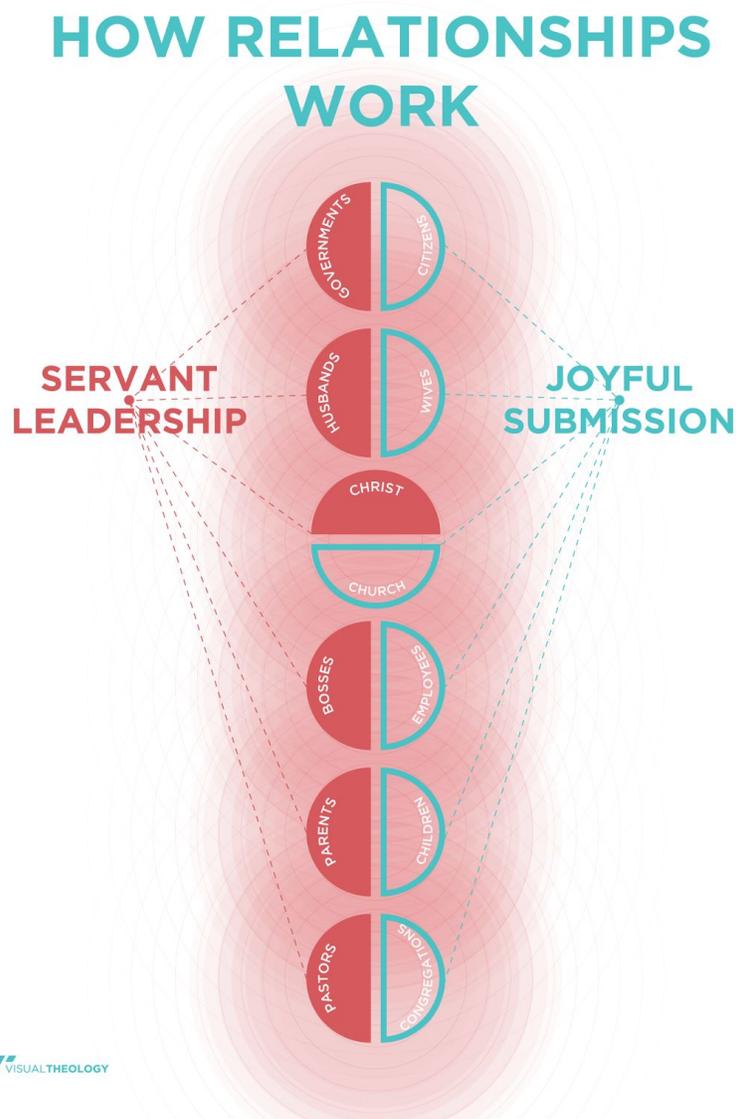
1. One implication of the command for children to obey their parents is how we as adults continue to honour our parents.
 - a. What does it look like to honour your parents even though they are no longer in authority over you?
 - b. Do you find it difficult to honour your parents? Why or why not?
 - i. Bonus Podcast - "Honouring Your Parents" - May 26, 2015
northview.org/bonus-podcast/page/5
2. For Parents: Have you thought before that your child's disobedience to you is related to their relationship with God? That their (dis)obedience is reflective of "their heart for God", as opposed to merely "their affections for you".
 - a. What is your response to your child's disobedience? Do you find yourself praying for their heart to change towards God, or primarily correcting their behaviour?

Point 2: Jesus joyfully obeyed

1. Jesus joyfully obeyed because he knew that his Father knew what was best. Therefore, parenting should demonstrate that the child's best is in mind.
 - a. For Everyone:
 - i. Looking back, how can you see that your parents' rules were designed for your best?
 - b. For Parents:
 - i. What are the motives behind the rules you have at home? Do the rules you have exist for your kids' best or for your best?
 - ii. How can you, in your parenting, demonstrate that you have your child's best in mind?
2. Jesus joyfully obeyed, and so should we.



- a. Joyful obedience isn't always valued in our culture. And yet, submitting to those in authority over us is a way we can honour God. See Tim Challies graphic *How Relationships Work*.
- b. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1.
- In what ways are you using the relationships, in which you are called to joyfully submit, as an arena for worshipping God? (i.e. Marriage, Job, Government, Church Leaders, etc.)
 - If you find it difficult to joyfully submit in some of your relationships, why do you think that is the case?





Wrap Up and Prayer

In addition to praying for immediate needs, take time to pray for your parenting, the hearts of your children toward God, and relationships in which you find it difficult to joyfully submit.

Benediction - 2 John 3 NIV

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love."