

## How Can I Honor the Dishonorable?

### 1 Samuel 20:30-34

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you." *Exodus 20:12 (NASB)*

*The Worst Parent Ever makes it hard for their child to honor them.*

1. Children find it hard to honor \_\_\_\_\_.

"Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 'I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands.' And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the LORD all night. Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, 'Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal.' Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, 'Blessed are you of the LORD! I have carried out the command of the LORD.' But Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?'" *1 Samuel 15:10-14 (NASB)*

2. Children find it hard to honor \_\_\_\_\_.

"It happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. The women sang as they played, and said, 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.' Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?' Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on. Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing *the harp* with his hand, as usual; and a spear *was* in Saul's hand. Saul hurled the spear for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David escaped from his presence twice. Now Saul was afraid of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul." *1 Samuel 18:6-12 (NASB)*

3. Children find it hard to honor someone who \_\_\_\_\_ them.

*There is a difference between discipline and humiliation.*