Written in Stone: #5 Honoring Authority Exodus 20:12

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The first four commandments teach us to love God. With #5 the focus shifts.

The last six commandments teach us to love our neighbor.

In telling us how to treat each other, God starts with the family.

How can we express honor in our families? By keeping #5.

Ask yourself: "Am I keeping the Fifth Commandment?"

Why should children respect their parents?

- Parents make sacrifices for their children.
- Parents have a wealth of life experiences.
- Respect for parents glorifies God.
- Honoring parents serve one's own best interest.
- Essential for passing on the faith.

Who has authority over you?

Government
 1 Peter 2:13.17: Romans 13:1

Employers Ephesians 6:5,8

• Church Leaders 1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

Dad and Mom
 Ephesians 6:4

#5 Illustrated from Scripture

Case Study: Jonathan and David

1 Samuel 14, 19, 20, 24, and 31

- It is difficult to consistently respect authority.
- All authority is given by God.
- By honoring authority, we honor God.

#5 Applies Over Your Lifespan

Colossians 3:20; Proverbs 23:22

No one is the perfect child ... except Jesus.

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