

control

We are now in week 2 of this series on Control. If you missed last weeks, I want to encourage you to go back and take a look. The content really set the stage for this entire series. This week we are focusing in on Parental Control. My prayer this week is that as you go through this lesson you will really think about how the material relates to you personally. God gave you the parents you are living with for a reason. They may not have grown up in the same time as you but they have grown through their teenage years at one time and have some valuable insight into navigating those waters.

INTRO:

Before we dive into the video, how many of you think that wrestling with control between parents and teenagers is a new thing? Believe it or not, this struggle has actually been around since the beginning of teenage life. Today you are going to hear from 3 people, Q (strong Christian household), Karlee (Atheist parents who thought church was a cult), & Pastor D.A. Horton. Anyway as you watch, I would encourage you to take note of the things that stand out to while you listen and then there will be some discussion questions to think through the material more.

VIDEO: D.A. Horton: Control-Session 2: Parents are in Control

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) In what ways do you relate to Q's story of living in a household of lots of rules?
- 2.) What type of downhill spiral did Q experience in his life? What did he attribute this spiral too?
- 3.) Do you ever feel like certain rules are not beneficial? Do you view submitting to parents falls under the same category as submitting to God?
- 4.) How did Q discover God?
- 5.) D.A. said that honoring parents is a training ground for honoring God. What aspects of honoring your parents could be preparing you for adult life? How does this change the way you view obedience?
- 6.) How did Karlee try to live her life? How do you think Karlee felt when her mom thought she joined a cult?

- 7.) Have you ever felt that your life would be better without God in it?
- 8.) How did Karlee show honor and respect to her mom's authority?
- 9.) D.A. flushed out the truth behind obeying and honoring our parents. What should be our motivation in submitting to our parents' authority?
- 10.) What motivation did D.A. and the Bible give us to submit to God's authority and to obey Him?

Scripturally Responding to Parents:

Relationally:

Ephesians 5:21 & Colossians 3:20

Gracefully:

Ephesians 4:26-32

Submissively:

Romans 12:17-18, 21
Deuteronomy 10:18

God's Promises:

Psalm 10:14; 27:10; 68:5-6; 146:9 &

What do these passages reveal about responding to parents? Whose actions are you responsible for when dealing with parents? Do your actions really affect the situation?

LAST WORD:

In these uncertain times, we can take heart and remember that God is still sovereign over all things. He gave you the parents you have for a reason. I want to challenge you to reflect on your relationship with your parents, step parents, or guardians you live with. Consider the following questions as you do: *In what ways do I honor and submit to my parents? Where do I need to do a better job honoring their authority? What step will I take today to begin to do so?* God is in charge of it all. He gave us the people with whom we live for a reason. Let them guide, help, and encourage you as you continue to grow in your understanding of everything. Let me pray to close out this time... Lord, I ask that you be those who are struggling with their relationship with the parents. I ask that you help the parents continue to surrender themselves to you as the attempt to lead their families in ways that honor you. I ask that you give these students hearts soften hearts willing to submit to their parents and not only submit but honor them. Be with those who are struggling under the quarantine perimeters and help us all remain confident in the fact that you are in control. It's in Jesus name that I pray. Amen.

CONNECTING POINT:

Rob's cell @ 980-271-7557. I am planning on doing some zoom conferencing this week and as we move forward in these quarantined times. Please text me your name so that I can be sure to

get you the invites as well as be able to connect with you in the future. CSM loves you and is praying for you through this season of change. Until next time.