

HONOR RELEASES INHERITANCE

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Focus Honor is a foundation of the kingdom of God. When we bestow honor, we release an inheritance of blessing.

Open What Hall of Fame (real or imaginary) would you most like to be inducted into?

Read Honor is foundational to kingdom living. For example, when our house is a house of honor, there is unity, and when we experience financial blessing, it's because we're honoring God with our wealth. Showing honor releases an inheritance of blessing. Elisha honored the gift within Elijah and received a double portion of the gift himself. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to honor Him and others.

John 4:46–54 chronicles Jesus' second miracle on earth—the healing of the son of a government official. The official had traveled to meet Jesus, begging Him to heal his dying son. Jesus told him to go home—that his son would live. The man *believed* Jesus' words even before he was able to see evidence of the healing, and in that way, demonstrated that He honored Jesus. He walked home towards the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. When he arrived at home, he discovered that his son had indeed been healed, just as Jesus had said.

We must honor the word of God in our lives, whether it is the written Word or the prophetic word, to receive the inheritance the word promises us. God's word is powerful, and to receive the inheritance embedded within it, we must honor it by *believing* it enough to walk towards the promise in faith.

Talk

1. What does the word *honor* mean? What does it mean to honor someone or something?
2. Why does honoring a valuable character trait or gift in someone's life release it to others?
3. How do we *honor* the Word of God in our lives, whether written or prophetic?
4. It's important that we're honoring the *One* who gives us His word rather than the word itself. Why? What happens when our faith is in the fulfillment of the promise and not the Giver of the promises?
5. The kingdom of God is within us and God wants to release it on the earth. Why is honoring God's Word to release the inheritance the key to this?

Live

Think of a promise of God to you—either a written promise from the Bible or a spoken word over your life.

- a. Have you honored the word? In what way?
- b. If not, why not?
- c. What do you believe the Lord is speaking to you today?

Pray

Thank God that His word is powerful. Thank Him for the power of honor to release His promises into our lives and the lives of others. Ask Him to show you how to walk in an honoring way towards others and to honor His word in your life. Take a few minutes to specifically thank Him for the gifts and talents you can see in the other people in your group as well.