

Key Verse for this series:

**Hebrews 11:1**

*1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

**Key statements from last 4 weeks:**

When you faithfully walk with God today—your obedience to Him becomes the evidence of your faith for tomorrow!

Your faith as a Christian helps you overcome anything that you face and that becomes your evidence of God at work in your life!

God is just asking you to step forward to do the possible and He will do the impossible!

You will sense the evidence of confession working in your life when there is agreement between your heart and the confession of your speech!

Today's Scripture Text:

**Mark 6:1-6 (HCSB)**

*1 He went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. 2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished. "Where did this man get these things?" they said. "What is this wisdom given to Him, and how are these miracles performed by His hands? 3 Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't His sisters here with us?" So they were offended by Him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his household." 5 So He was not able to do any miracles there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He was amazed at their unbelief.*

**HONOR means:**

To value SOMETHING that is precious.  
Something we are appreciative of.  
Something we hold in favorable regard.  
Something that helps us fulfill our purpose.

The Bible says this about HONOR:

**1 Samuel 2:30b**

*(The Lord said) ...I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me.*

**1 Peter 2:17**

*Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*

**Romans 12:10**

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

**Deuteronomy 5:16**

*Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

**Quote:**

“There are two parts to being honorable, one believing in it, and two living up to it.”  
~ David Wilkie, 1988 Honor Chairman, United States Military Academy

**Premises:**

- **Failure** to honor God with our life **limits** God’s mighty works in our life.
- Honoring God with our life is **Completely up** to us.

**Ways we honor God:**

1. True honor **Originates** in the **heart**.

**Isaiah 29:13**

*The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.*

**Matthew 12:34b**

*...For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.*

2. True honor is **demonstrated** in **faith**.

**Luke 8:42b-48 (Summary)**

*...as Jesus went, the multitudes thronged Him... a woman, with an issue of blood for twelve years, spent all she had... still sick... honored Jesus in faith by pressing in from behind and touching His garment... immediately her issue of blood stopped. Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" All denied it... the disciples said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You... Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me. The woman could not hide, trembling she fell down before Him, declared to Him out loud why she pressed to touch Him and how she was healed. Jesus said, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."*

**Mark 2:2-5 (Summary)**

*Jesus drew a large number of people that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, honored a paralyzed man, by four of them carrying him to Jesus in faith. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof over where Jesus was and lowered the man to Him. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

Consider two things—the life of feeling and the life of faith.

Feeling aims for itself while faith aims for God.

Faith honors God and in return shall be honored by Him.

3. True honor is made **evident** through our **commitment**.

**Romans 6:13**

*Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.*

**Psalms 37:5**

*Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.*

**Proverbs 3:9**

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.*

**Proverbs 16:3**

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

4. True honor is **fulfilling** the **teachings** of **Jesus**.

**Matthew 7:24-27 (Jesus said)**

*24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

*26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

**Takeaway:**

*Honor originates in our heart leading us to demonstrate faith in full commitment to God that helps us fulfill God’s Word in our life—that is our evidence!*