

## **Receiving God's Promises**

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### **When Mary and Joseph Lost Jesus (Luke 2:41-52)**

#### **Why Would Jesus Have to Obey His Parents?**

*Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." (NLT)*

#### **God's Promises To Obedient Children...**

1. That it may go well with you (Great things)
2. That you may live long in the land (Long life)

**Because we belong to the Lord Jesus, it is right to obey and honor our parents as Jesus did.**

##### **1. Kids**

- Right away, all the way, in a cheerful way

##### **2. Teens**

- Honor your parents by remembering their instruction and imitating their example.
- Be Open and honest and ask them for advice.

### **3. Adults**

- You honor your parents by taking care of them as they get older.
- You honor your parents as you trust and obey Jesus Christ.

## **The Command and the Promise are the Same For Us All**

### **All Christians**

*Deuteronomy 5:33 You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess. (ESV)*

### **What if I Disobey? Will God Take Away the Promises?**

### **Christian Parents**

*Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever! (NIV1984)*