House Rules

Jacob Hudgins · Ephesians 6:4 · Series: **House Rules**

INTRODUCTION

- Our goal this weekend is for us to pursue living for Jesus at home.
- Homes are habit incubators. Habits are formed at home.
- When you have a house rule, everybody has to follow the rule.

1. Home Is a Safe Place

- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. **(Ephesians 6:4)**
- Fathers do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. **(Colossians 3:21)**
- Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. **(Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7)**
- Home should be a place where we feel safe to speak.
- Home should be a place where we feel safe to fail. **(Luke 22:31–32)**
- Home needs to be a place where we are safe to learn.

2. All People Deserve Respect

- With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. **(James 3:9)**
- All people are made in the image of God.
- All people have value independent of how they treat us. **(Matthew 5:38–48)**
- Because they have roles of authority that affect us. **(1 Peter 2:13–17; Romans 13:1–2; 1 Timothy 2:1–2)**
- Respect, honor, obey. This is the Christian posture. And I am suggesting that we learn that first at home. **(Ephesians 5:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13)**
- Respect is shown usually in speech.

3. We Tell the Truth

- Having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. **(Ephesians 4:25)**
- We tell the truth when we talk about others and when we talk about ourselves.
- We tell the truth when we're wrong. **(Acts 11:18)**
- We tell the truth when we make commitments. **(1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13)**
- Parents need to tell the truth. We can't expect honesty from our kids when they never see it from us.
- Own your mistakes and your overreactions.

THE CHALLENGE

Think about what it might need to change for your home to be a truth-telling home.

MY NOTES