

**11.22.09 Pleading the 5th**

- **ASSUMPTIONS:**
  - Everyone has Parents!
  - No Perfect Parents!
  - No Perfect Kids!
  - Both bring Issues!
- Exodus 34:6-7—
  - "The Lord passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."
- **FOUNDATIONS:**
  - You cannot REDEEM your PARENTS!
  - You cannot make them GREAT!
- "When the breach in the human soul that is self-rejection remains unhealed, the individual, and thereby society, is open to all kinds of terrible evils." - Dallas Willard
- Malachi 4:6—
  - "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."
- Exodus 20:5—
  - "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you."
- Exodus 21:15,17—
  - "Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death...Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."
- Leviticus 20:9—
  - "If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother, and his blood will be on his own head."
- Pleading the 5th:
  - Excuses that Enable their Behavior!
  - Excuses that Enable our Dishonor!
- **CONVICTION #2:**
  - Every Longing is for Life!
- **THE 5TH COMMAND:**
  - Honor brings the REDEMPTION of Your FUTURE- not the RECONCILIATION of your PAST!
- **PREPARE TO RESPOND:**
  - Be Honest about Where you Are!
  - Be Honest about What is at Stake!
  - Be Honest about What You will Do!