

## *Study Guide*

**MESSAGE:** Leaving a Family Legacy in Christ

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**Scripture:** Joshua 24.14-15



**Big Idea:** to teach importance of establishing a family legacy in Christ for future generations.

**Core Principle:** Faith in Christ is not just personal - it's meant to be passed on to the next generation.

This may be the most important teaching because: 'God calls us to invest in what's eternal - our **faith**, our **families**, and our **spiritual legacy**.'

**The Message:** Covenant Family – Leaving a Legacy of Faith in Christ

1. **What** a family legacy is: Your **faith** in Christ is **passed down** to the next generation as a foundation for their **own faith**. Reference 2 Timothy 1.5

### **Reflection:**

- a) God tied His **identity** to His covenant and legacy with His people, revealing Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Exodus 3.6).  
What do these names (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) represent in your own faith journey according to Galatians 3.29?
- b) Do you see your identity in Christ and part of His ongoing legacy of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
- c) In what ways are you honoring your spiritual legacy in Christ?

**Principle:** God's covenant is **generational** - He works through faithful lives to establish a lasting spiritual legacy that carries His promises forward through families and future generations.

2. **Why** family legacy is important:
  - a) It \_\_\_\_\_ God – leaving a family legacy of faith is an act of obedience unto God, passed on by telling the story for His glory. (Genesis 18.19)
  - b) It \_\_\_\_\_ the next generation – your family legacy of faith shapes how the next generation will live in their time, according to Christ. (2 Timothy 3.15)
  - c) It \_\_\_\_\_ you – when you have passed on your family legacy, your faith in Christ continues to speak - bearing fruit and impacting others through the testimony you left behind. (Hebrews 11.4b)

### Reflection:

- a) What kind of legacy have you received from your own family?
- b) What does the importance of leaving legacy mean to you?
- c) Are you actively building a family legacy for those who come after you?

**Principle:** Leaving a family legacy means helping the next generation **define** who God is, **understand** His covenant, and **find** their identity and purpose through Christ - so they live in His truth by faith.

- 3. How you build a family legacy - Joshua 24.14-15

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ – **v14a.** ‘Now therefore, **fear** the Lord, **serve** Him in **sincerity** and **in truth**....

**Principle:** The **appropriate fear** of God **leads** you into a **sincere** lifestyle of **service** to Him, one that becomes a visible witness and inspires others to live with the same devotion.

- b) \_\_\_\_\_ – **v14b.** and **put away** the gods which **your father served** on the other side of the river and **in Egypt**. Serve the Lord! **v15a.** And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, *choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve*, whether **the gods which your fathers served** that were on the other side of the river or the **gods of the Amorites**, in whose land you dwell.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ – **15b.** ‘But as **for me** (personal **decision**) and **my house**, (family **declaration**) we will **serve** the Lord (godly **devotion**).’

### Reflection:

- a) **Sincerity:** Do I live with a deep awareness of God’s holiness and authority in my daily decisions? Do I serve God with a sincere faith, or just out of routine, pressure, or appearance? What does fully surrender to God look like?
- b) **Separation:** In what ways am I still thinking, acting, or living like I did before I fully committed to God? What does it look like practically to come out of the world? Generational patterns: What recurring behaviors, habits, or beliefs have I noticed in my family across generations?
- c) **Standard:** How will my family legacy change our generational patterns before Christ? Do I maintain a standard for Christ in my home? How is God calling my home to be set apart - values, routines, or how we treat others? How do I lead my unsaved members of my family into our legacy of faith?