

Series: "COLLIDE"
 Part 8: "A STORY WORTH SHARING"
 Crossroads Community Church
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¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—³ things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. ⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. ⁸ They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

Psalm 78:1-8 (NIV)

The Point:

➤ **If we don't learn from the _____, we won't change the _____**

¹⁰ they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law. ¹¹ They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

Psalm 78:10-11 (NIV)

The Problem:

➤ **We can't _____ what we don't _____**

¹² He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. ¹³ He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. ¹⁴ He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. ¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; ¹⁶ he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

Psalm 78:12-16 (NIV) [See also Psalm 78:40-55]

4 Things You Must Know to Teach the Next Generation:

1. The _____ of _____

➤ **Do you live in _____ of Him?**

¹⁷ But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High. ¹⁸ They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved. ¹⁹ They spoke against God; they said, "Can God really spread a table in the wilderness? ²⁰ True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly, but can he also give us bread? Can he supply meat for his people?"

Psalm 78:17-20 (NIV) [See also Psalm 78:56-58]

2. The _____ of our _____

➤ **Do you _____ and _____ your sin?**

²¹ When the LORD heard them, he was furious; his fire broke out against Jacob, and his wrath rose against Israel, ²² for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance. ²³ Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; ²⁴ he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.

³² In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe. ³³ So he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.

Psalm 78:21-24, 29-31 (NIV) [See also Psalm 78:59-64]

3. The _____ of God's _____

➤ **Do you understand that _____ are for your _____?**

³⁷ their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant. ³⁸ Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath. ³⁹ He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

Psalm 78:37-39 (NIV) [See also Psalm 78:65-72]

4. The _____ of God's _____

➤ **Do you respond with a life of _____ and _____?**