

## WHAT ARE YOU LEAVING BEHIND? Hebrews 11–12

**Main Idea:** Don't live for legacy. Live for faithfulness. Legacy is what happens when faithfulness outlives you.

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### 1. WHAT STORY IS YOUR LIFE TELLING? Hebrews 11:4, 13

**Key Truth:** Every life tells a story, and every story points somewhere.

"Though he died, he still speaks." (Hebrews 11:4)

**What We Learn:**

- Abel's faith outlived his life.
- God remembers faithfulness more than accomplishments.
- Faithfulness often impacts generations we may never see.

**Personal Reflection:**

If God wrote one sentence about my life today, what would it say?

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### 2. WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR? Hebrews 11:24-26 Matthew 22:37-39

*Colossians 3:23*

**Key Truth:** Temporary things make terrible ultimate things.

**What We Learn:**

- Moses chose eternal reward over earthly treasure.
- Success and faithfulness are not always the same thing.
- What we live for determines what we leave behind.

**Matthew 22:37-39:** <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."<sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important command. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

**Colossians 3:23:** *Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people*

**Question:**

Is Jesus the center of my life or simply a part of my life? What is competing for first place in my heart?

### 3. WHO ARE YOU INFLUENCING?

**Key Truth:** Faith that is worth having is faith worth passing on.

**What We Learn:**

- Someone is always watching.
- Every believer has a "next generation."
- Our example often speaks louder than our words.
- Faith was never meant to stop with us.

**Psalm 78:4:** *We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed.*

**1 Corinthians 11:1** *“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”*

**Reflection:** Who has God entrusted to my influence?

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### 4. WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND? *Hebrews 11:39-40 Hebrews 12:1-2*

**Key Truth:** The greatest legacy is not what we leave TO people, but what we leave IN people. The greatest legacy is a life that points people to Jesus.

**What We Learn:**

- The heroes of Hebrews 11 finished their race.
- The baton has now been passed to us.
- Our calling is not to be remembered, but to be faithful.
- Jesus remains the focus and finish line.
- The goal is not to be remembered, but to be faithful.

**Hebrews 12:1-2:** *Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, <sup>2</sup>keeping our eyes on Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> the pioneer and perfecter<sup>[b]</sup> of our faith. For the joy that lay before him,<sup>[c]</sup> he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**My Next Step of Faithfulness:**