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*The Building Blocks of a Generational Church*

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In Acts chapter 2 we see the birth of the church. The Holy Ghost fills the believers in the upper room and Peter stands up and delivers a message to the people. It is powerful and moving. Thousands are saved in that day, but in this message an important part of God's personality and God's mission are expressed. In Acts 2:39 Peter tells the crowd "For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." We see in this final part of Peter's message, as we do in so many places, that God's call, His message, and His purpose with humanity, is generational!

God's will is not just to save us, it is to save our children, our grandchildren, and those who will come many generations later. God's blessing is generational. We can see this from the very beginning when God calls Abraham and promises to make of him a great nation (Genesis 12:2). These kinds of promises are God's heartbeat, and therefore we must be a generational church.

But being a generational church means building things in a very specific way. Abraham never got to see the nation of Israel that came from him. Moses freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, but only two saw the promised land at the end of the wilderness. David desired to build God a great home, but God saw fit to have David's son build it instead of him. The people listening to Peter might have seen the Kingdom of God on that day for them, but the countless generations to come were a blessing that they would never see. God's plans can be more than we could ever imagine, they could be greater than we know, and they often can and will stretch past our lives.

So, we build, we grow, and we lay a mighty foundation that can withstand the test of time. Laying a foundation not just for ourselves, but for our children, our grandchildren, and all those that will come until the Great Day of the Lord! In each home, in each life, we allow God to build in us and through us and build this His people.

Questions for Personal Meditation:

1. What are some things that we can do in our home each day to allow our homes and our lives to be part of the generational church?
2. What has God done in your life that can be made into a generational blessing for your family and those whose life you touch?
3. How does the idea of a Generational Church and generational blessings fit into the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) and God's call to grow His Kingdom?