

Day 12: Legacy:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- Hebrews 12:1-2

Read:

Take time to read these verses again. What does it mean to run with endurance? Is it hard to imagine that Christ had joy even though he was going to endure the suffering of the cross?

Think:

Legacy. Every generation has the responsibility of passing the torch of truth to the succeeding generation. Every parent has the responsibility to train up their own children to know Christ and follow Him fully. We are charged with guarding the gospel for the sake of future generations receiving the legacy of the gospel. This is the greatest inheritance we can leave. Paul writes of this in **2 Timothy**. He is writing to his protégé and son in the ministry to train him up to lead the church. He is writing that it takes hard work and that one may even suffer, but it is worth it to see Christ glorified and to see that others obtain salvation in

Him. Every generation has a huge accountability and responsibility before God to become sanctified so that we can hand it off to those coming after us. If you are not dead, you are not done. Keep striving toward the goal of keeping the gospel close to your heart so that it may train you up to equip others to take the torch after you. “Run with endurance” means we are in this for the long haul. The endurance is to leave a legacy. It is not finished when we pass away. Our job is to make disciples and equip them to run their race.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

Loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, and might should be our deep desire. It isn't a suggestion. He hasn't asked us to mention it to our children once whenever we get around to it. *“You shall teach them diligently to your children...”* Rather, that we are commanded to pass this Word we have received to the next generation.

Legacy at **LeaveAMark** is so important to us. We have invested into a property that is used to glorify the Lord and

to raise up disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to advocate for victims of abuse, serve those in need, love those that need to be restored. We want Christ to leave a mark on them that is far more powerful than the mark left on them from the world. Legacy for us was to start a church that cares. To be a people that have a healthy dissatisfaction with what is happening in our city and in this world that we toil, endure, and if it must come to it, suffer for the sake of the gospel to expand the kingdom of God.

Think again about Christ having joy knowing that He would endure the cross. Yes there must have been some sorrow, but what is incredible is that He saw what was on the other side of that cross. He saw an empty grave. He saw His legacy.

Pray:

Take some time to reflect on all of our topics during this time of fasting. *God's will, family, love, generosity, God's Word, prayer, worship, healing, serving, community, and holiness.* Each and every one of these topics help us to build a legacy that leaves something behind better than we found it. Pray that what you sow into your life would be a blessing to the Lord and to those around you. Pray that you sow the Word of God into your life. Pray that you sow prayer into your life. Pray that you sow faith into your life. Do this and you will reap a spiritual harvest that can be shared for generations to come. Pray that your life would

count for something good and true. Thank God that one of His many gifts is that we get to leave a legacy.