

Overview

This session explores what it means to pass down a godly legacy to the next generation. Drawing from personal stories, Scripture, and practical wisdom, we examine how our faith, character, and daily choices ripple forward into the lives of our grandchildren and others God places in our path.

Key Scriptures

- **2 Timothy 1:3-7** -- Paul commends the genuine faith that lived first in Timothy's grandmother Lois and then in his mother Eunice before taking root in Timothy himself, illustrating how faith is meant to travel from one generation to the next.
 - **1 Kings 2:1-4** -- As David neared death, he charged Solomon to walk in God's ways, keep His commands, and remain faithful, promising that obedience across generations would secure God's blessing.
 - **Hosea 4:6** -- God warns that when His people reject knowledge of His law and fail to teach it, the consequences extend to their children.
 - **Psalms 103:17** -- God's mercy and righteousness are promised to those who fear Him, extending to their children's children.
 - **Proverbs 17:6** -- Grandchildren are described as a crown to the aged, and parents as the glory of their children, pointing to the deep honor woven into generational relationships.
 - **3 John 1:4** -- The writer expresses that there is no greater joy than hearing that those he loves are walking in the truth.
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Key Takeaways

1. A Godly Heritage Is Intentionally Passed Down Faith is not automatically inherited. It is lived out, spoken about, and demonstrated in everyday moments. Timothy received genuine faith because Lois and Eunice made it a priority to pass it on. The same opportunity belongs to every grandparent and mentor in this room.

2. Your Life Speaks Louder Than Your Words As one speaker noted, "Your kids are going to act like you, no matter what you told them." Children and grandchildren observe everything. The most powerful sermon you will ever preach is the one lived out in your home and in your daily routine.

3. God Positions Us on Purpose Whether you see your grandchildren every day or once a month, whether they live next door or across the state, God does not place you in their lives by accident. Your specific gifts, skills, experiences, and even your limitations are part of His design for those children.

4. Legacy Extends Beyond Blood Not everyone has grandchildren nearby, and not every child has a grandparent pouring into them. God consistently places people in our lives to mentor, love, and disciple -- and He places us in the lives of others for the same reason.

5. Simple Presence Is Powerful Elaborate activities are not required. A prayer walk around the neighborhood, sitting beside a grandchild while he plays a video game, teaching a granddaughter

to sew or bake -- these ordinary moments become extraordinary memories that shape a child's understanding of love, faith, and belonging.

6. Our Choices Have Generational Consequences The church started by one woman's great-grandfather ministered to her dying sister decades later through a faithful member. What we do in faithfulness today may bear fruit in ways we will never fully see.

Discussion Questions

Opening

1. What kind of grandparent or older mentor relationship did you have growing up? How did that relationship -- or the absence of one -- shape you?
2. Is there a specific memory, saying, or habit from a grandparent or older mentor that has stayed with you into adulthood? What made it stick?

Going Deeper

3. Paul highlights the faith of Lois and Eunice but says nothing about Timothy's father or grandfather. Why do you think the Bible so often draws attention to the faith of women across generations? What does that say about the weight of a mother's or grandmother's spiritual influence?
4. One speaker said, "Your kids are going to act like you, no matter what you told them." Do you agree? What does that truth challenge you to examine in your own daily life?
5. Hosea 4:6 warns that forgetting God's law has consequences that reach the next generation. How does that verse change the way you think about your own spiritual disciplines -- Bible reading, prayer, worship, and community?
6. Several people shared that their grandchildren simply wanted their presence -- sitting on the bed, walking the neighborhood, watching them play. Why do you think presence often matters more to children than planned activities or gifts?
7. One speaker described taking her children along on ministry visits and hospital calls, and how those experiences opened deep conversations on the drive home. What does it look like to invite the next generation into your faith life, not just teach them about it?

Personal Reflection

8. If someone were to write out your spiritual legacy the way one speaker described writing out his grandson's godly heritage across generations, what would it say? What do you hope it will say?
9. Are there people in your life right now -- children, grandchildren, neighbors, or younger friends -- who need someone to pour into them? What is one small, specific step you could take toward that relationship this week?
10. One speaker confessed that even in a moment of genuine rejoicing, she missed an opportunity to stop and pray with someone who was hurting. How do you cultivate spiritual

awareness -- eyes open to the needs around you -- in the middle of a busy or distracted life?