Legacy

Week of April 3

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How does the LORD respond to His servant, Jacob (vv2-4)?

2. Now, contrast Cain's response to the LORD's will in Genesis 4:17 when he builds a city. Who does Cain name the city after?

How does Cain's action mirror parenting today as he seeks to leave a lasting legacy to his child?

If you had a choice would you (1) build a city and name it after your child or (2) do like Jacob and build an altar and teach your children to worship God?

- 3. READ: "Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly" (Proverbs 13:22). What legacy are you leaving behind in regards to you're—
- a) Relationships? (What relationships need to be healed in your family?)
- b) Finances? (Do you have a written will to direct your keepsakes, money, property, etc.?)

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- c) Faith? (Have your shared with your loved ones what Jesus Christ means to you? Why or why not?)
- d) Memory? When your name is spoken among family and friends after the death of your body, what memory would you like to leave them?

Discuss the Plain Truth: The decisions you make today direct the legacy you leave tomorrow.

 Read Hebrews 11: 21: "It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff."

Pastor Charles has shared that Abraham was a "friend of God" because he was obedient. Here in Hebrews 11: 21 do we find anything different about Jacob as be "bowed in worship?" Read Genesis 49: 1-10 (you can read up to vs 28). In vv 8-10 as Jacob blesses his fourth son, to what degree or impact does this fourth son have upon future generations through God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 12: 1-3), the Messianic promise, and to the members of your life group?

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