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Leaving a Legacy - May 8, 2016

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?
3. When you think of the word legacy what comes to mind? Have you thought about what kind of legacy you would like to leave? What sort of things would you want people to say about you at your funeral?
4. Read 1 Thess. 2:7-12. In what way did Paul provide a good example for the believers in Thessalonica? How does this challenge you as you think about investing in those close to you?
5. Read 1 Thess. 2:13. What does Paul tell us about the importance of God's Word in our lives? Read Hebrews 4:12. How does this encourage you as you grow as a disciple and invest in others?
6. What would it look like for us to share the Good News and our lives with our neighbours, friends, and co-workers? Read 1 Thess. 2:14-20. What can we expect as we do this?
7. Read Romans 12:1-2. What should our response be to the investment Jesus made for us in giving His life so we can experience abundant life and eternal life? What are the implications of this passage for us?
8. What action steps do you need to take today to be intentional about making an investment in people? Who has God put on your heart and what do you need to do?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Leaving a Legacy (3 of 8)

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
May 8, 2016 - Happy Mother's Day!



1 Thessalonians 2:7-20 As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

⁹ Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. ¹⁰ You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. ¹¹ And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. ¹² We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

¹³ Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

¹⁴ And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. ¹⁵ For some of the Jews killed the prophets, and some even killed the Lord Jesus. Now they have persecuted us, too. They fail to please God and work against all humanity ¹⁶ as they try to keep us from preaching the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles. By doing this, they continue to pile up their sins. But the anger of God has caught up with them at last. ¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. ¹⁸ We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us. ¹⁹ After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! ²⁰ Yes, you are our pride and joy.

Big Idea: Love so much that you share the Good News and your life with others.

- **Two aspects to ensure you leave a legacy:**

1) Share the Good News. 2) Share Your Life.

- **What was the essence of the Good News Paul was sharing with these believers?**

Acts 17:7

John 17:3 “And this is the way to have eternal life--to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.”

- **How did Paul Share his life with these believers?**

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).