



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Faithful Foundations

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Prayer

"God, I thank you that no matter where you have me, there are people around me I can show your love to. It is such a joy to learn from you and live for you Jesus. Continue to teach me how to follow you so that I may lead well. Amen."

Message Theme

Bringing Others Along | Passing On Your Faith

Key Truths

In the Bible Paul talks about passing faith on to others. This doesn't happen automatically. Even if we don't have kids our faith doesn't have to stop with us. We have been called to make disciples, to reach other people, and to share the good news.

Things we can do to pass on our faith:

1. Be on purpose and be involved
2. Our world is so busy and there is a tendency to leave the raising of kids, to schools, coaches, and TV. Then we turn around shocked because the kids turn out like the schools coaches, and TV. If we want to avoid that, then passing on our faith needs to be a priority.

Practical Application

- **Strengthen Your Faith:**
We cannot give away what we do not have. We can only give away what we already have.
- **Model It:**
We get to set the example that we want our kids to follow. We can take things that our parents or mentors did well and pass them to our kids or our sphere of influence. Rather than giving a yes or no,

we should bring things to the word of God to make decisions. Inviting kids into the decision making process so they can see “the why”, is better than just giving them a yes or no ‘because I said so’ statement.

One issue parents can face is modeling selectively, having their kids follow their lead but only in certain places. Consistently modeling Christ to them is the best way to have them catch a faith of their own.

- **Connect and Redirect:**
When we would rather be our child's friend and hold off on correcting them, we are actually hurting them in the long run. We are in their life to help them learn right, wrong, and boundaries. It's our job to balance letting them learn and stepping in to correct and redirect.

Reference Verses

- 2 Timothy 1:5
- Judges 2:10
- 1 Corinthians 4:15
- Genesis 18:19
- Matthew 28:19
- 1 Samuel 2:12, 8:3, 2:29
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Genesis 18:19
- Psalm 92:13
- Hebrews 10:25
- Proverbs 29:15-17, 19:18
- 1 Kings 1:6
- Deuteronomy 12:8
- Acts 3:6

Declarations

“As a Christian and a follower of Jesus I get the privilege of raising my kids and leading those around me to love Jesus. I will lead on purpose and set a good example for them. I will continue to grow in my relationship with God, letting Him fill me so that I can lead and live from a place of overflow.”

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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2 Timothy 1:5 ESV ...sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Judges 2:10 ESV And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

1 Corinthians 4:15 ESV ...you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

1 Timothy 1:2 ESV To Timothy, my true child in the faith...

Genesis 18:19 ESV For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord...

Matthew 28:19 ESV Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

1 Samuel 2:12 ESV Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:9-28 ESV REF After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord. The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was

young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

1 Samuel 8:3 ESV Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

2 Kings 10:1-8 ESV REF Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. So Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of the city,^[a] to the elders, and to the guardians of the sons^[b] of Ahab, saying, "Now then, as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, fortified cities also, and weapons, select the best and fittest of your master's sons and set him on his father's throne and fight for your master's house." But they were exceedingly afraid and said, "Behold, the two kings could not stand before him. How then can we stand?" So he who was over the palace, and he who was over the city, together with the elders and the guardians, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, and we will do all that you tell us. We will not make anyone king. Do whatever is good in your eyes." Then he wrote to them a second letter, saying, "If you are on my side, and if you are ready to obey me, take the heads of your master's sons and come to me at Jezreel tomorrow at this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who were bringing them up. And as soon as the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and slaughtered them, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel. When the messenger came and told him, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons," he said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning."

1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Genesis 18:19 ESV For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord...

Psalms 92:13 ESV They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Heb 10:25 ESV ...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Proverbs 29:15 ESV The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 19:18 NLT Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives.

1 Kings 1:6 ESV His father had never at any time displeased him by asking, "Why have you done thus and so?"

1 Samuel 2:29 ESV Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me...

Acts 3:6 ESV But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"