

## OUTLASTERS—1

### READINESS OVER HAPPINESS

*How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands. <sup>2</sup> Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever... <sup>4</sup> They are generous, compassionate, and righteous... <sup>6</sup> Those who are righteous will be long remembered. Psalm 112:1-4, 6 NLT*

- First generation is marked by strong leadership, economic prosperity, intellectual progress and/or spiritual growth.
- Second generation inherits something they appreciate but didn't earn. There is often a loss of drive, creativity, and appetite for risk. The main goal often becomes preservation.
- Third generation has only seen preservation and entrenchment. They often lack vision, passion, and personal identity. It's common to reject the values of those who have gone before them.

*In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Judges 21:25 NLT*

### THREE OF THIS GENERATION'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES

1) WE RISK TOO LITTLE.

2) WE RESCUE TOO QUICKLY.

3) WE REWARD TOO FREQUENTLY.

- WE NEED TO WORRY LESS ABOUT TODAY'S HAPPINESS AND MORE ABOUT TOMORROW'S

## **READINESS.**

### **HOW DO WE PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION?**

- **LEARN HOW TO CREATE WEALTH TO USE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.**
- **CREATE A HUNGER FIRST-GENERATION FAITH IN CHRIST.**
- **CULTIVATE AN INTERNAL DRIVE AND ETERNAL PASSION.**

*“And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him...”<sup>10</sup> So take this seriously. The LORD has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.” 1 Chronicles 28:9-10 NLT*

### **TALK IT OVER**

- Which of the three biggest challenges to this generation might you be guilty of contributing to?
- What changes do you need to make to focus less on today’s happiness and more on tomorrow’s readiness?
- What’s one thing you could pass on to help prepare and equip the next generation?