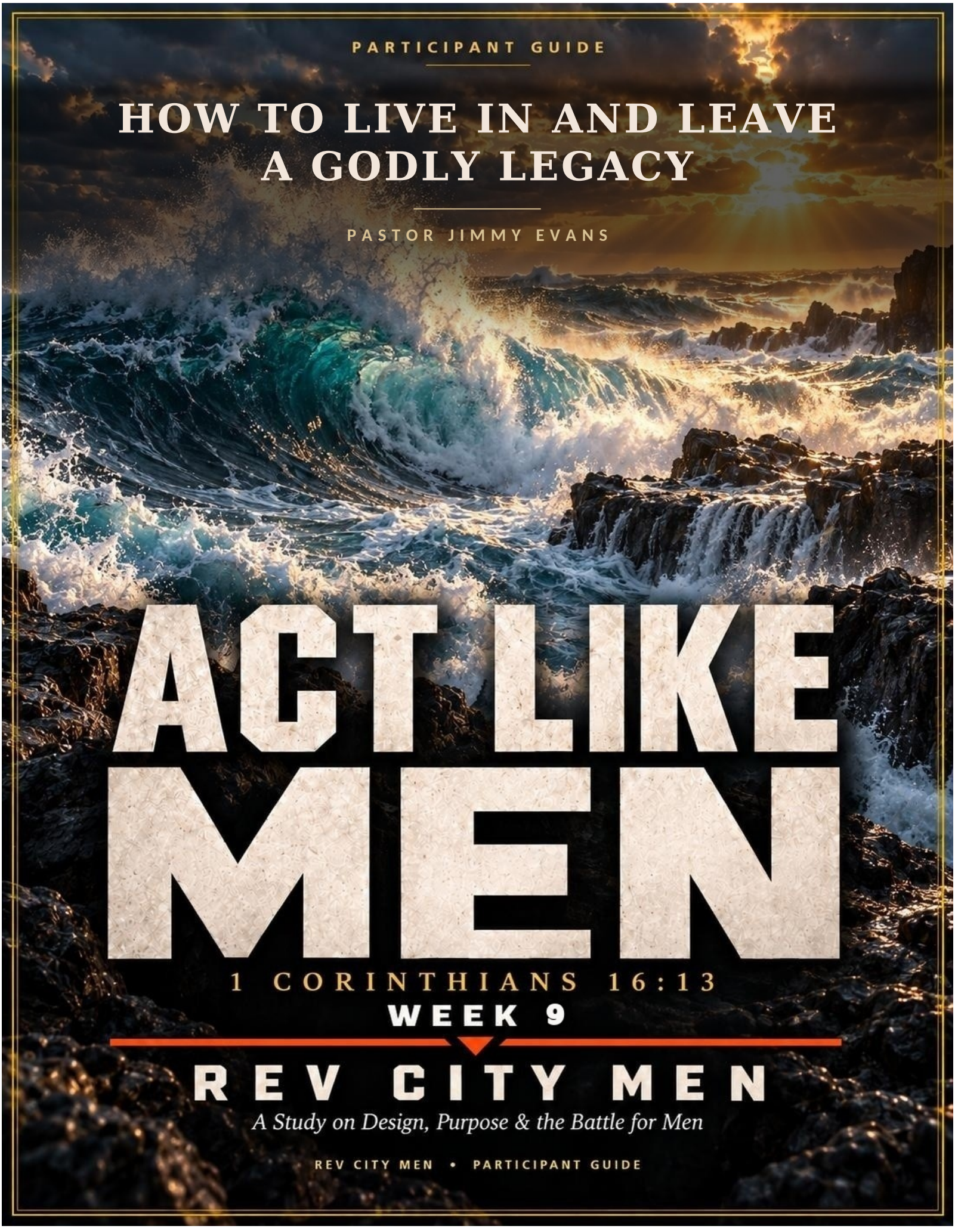
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

HOW TO LIVE IN AND LEAVE A GODLY LEGACY

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ACT LIKE MEN

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

WEEK 9

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A Study on Design, Purpose & the Battle for Men

HOW TO LIVE IN AND LEAVE A GODLY LEGACY

Deuteronomy 5:9–10 • Changing Your Generational Inheritance

DEUTERONOMY 5:9–10

For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Avon — Hebrew for iniquity: a bent toward a certain behavior.

Our lives are generationally connected and have the power to transmit righteousness or sin, health or unhealth, blessing or cursing, wealth or poverty, education or ignorance, and pleasure or pain.

We decide our legacy and have the power to change our generational inheritance.

MY NOTES

3 THINGS WE MUST DEAL WITH TO STOP A NEGATIVE LEGACY AND BEGIN A LEGACY OF BLESSING

1. **Iniquities**
2. **Inner Vows**
3. **Unforgiveness**

Iniquities

> DEUTERONOMY 6:5–9
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> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

> EPHESIANS 6:4
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> And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Good or bad, a parent’s behavior has an influence on their family for at least 3 generations.

MY NOTES

COMMON INIQUITIES

- Anger
- Substance Abuse
- Chauvinism
- Sexism
- Physical Abuse
- Racism
- Bigotry
- Verbal Abuse
- Immorality
- Pride
- Sexual Abuse
- Negativity
- Dishonesty
- Materialism
- Perfectionism
- Lying
- Gossip
- Unforgiveness
- Greed
- Conditional Love
- Cynicism
- Unbelief

Iniquities are generationally entrenched sins.

1. **Were the things you were exposed to growing up biblically sound and morally correct?**

2. **How did your family resolve conflict — in a godly way or an ungodly way?**

3. **How did your family handle money?**

4. **How did your family model submission to God and the Bible?**

5. **Do you practice the same things you disagreed with about your parents?**

6. **Is there wrong behavior you have defended or justified as a family trait?**

MY NOTES

How to Break the Power of Iniquities

1. **Recognize it as a sin.**
2. **Take responsibility.** We can't go through life forever blaming others.
3. **Forgive our family.** Your parents handed you baggage that was previously handed to them.
4. **Submit the affected sin or area of life to Jesus.** Let Him be the role model as you seek Him in His Word.
5. **Break the power of the iniquity in Jesus' name.**

MY NOTES

INNER VOWS

An inner vow is a self-directed promise resulting from an unpleasant experience or hurt from a life situation.

An inner vow often starts with "I'll never..."

3 Problems with Inner Vows

1 Inner Vows Are Unscriptural

MATTHEW 5:33–37

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

JAMES 4:13–17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

MY NOTES

2 When Inner Vows Are Controlling Us, Jesus Isn't

An inner vow often has our highest loyalty, and is like a railroad track for our life.

3 **Inner Vows Cause Us to Overreact and Be Unteachable and Unapproachable**

> ***Wherever you have an inner vow, you can be mildly insane.***

> ***Where you are highly defensive or unapproachable, you may have an inner vow.***

MY NOTES

How to Break Inner Vows

1. **Recognize it.**
2. **Repent.**
3. **Forgive.**
4. **Submit to Jesus.**
5. **Ask the Holy Spirit to heal you** and lead you into truth in that area of your life. (John 16)

MY NOTES

UNFORGIVENESS

Unforgiveness is an invisible umbilical cord that connects us to the pain and people of our past.

Unforgiveness always has the worst effect on those closest to us.

MATTHEW 18:32–35

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Unforgiveness is mental and emotional torment and torture.

Forgiveness doesn't make them right, it makes us free.

MY NOTES

Unforgiveness damages the vessel it is stored in more than anything or anyone you can spit it on.

Jesus gives no exceptions that allow unforgiveness.

Bless Those Who Curse You

LUKE 6:27–28

> “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Blessing forces forgiveness from our head to our heart.

If you cannot bless, you haven’t forgiven.

MY NOTES

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. What is it that I want to leave as an inheritance for my children and grandchildren?

> **PROVERBS 13:22**
> A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

> **PROVERBS 22:1**
> A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2. If I continue to live as I am, what legacy will I leave my children and grandchildren? In other words, are my intentions and actions consistent with my desires?

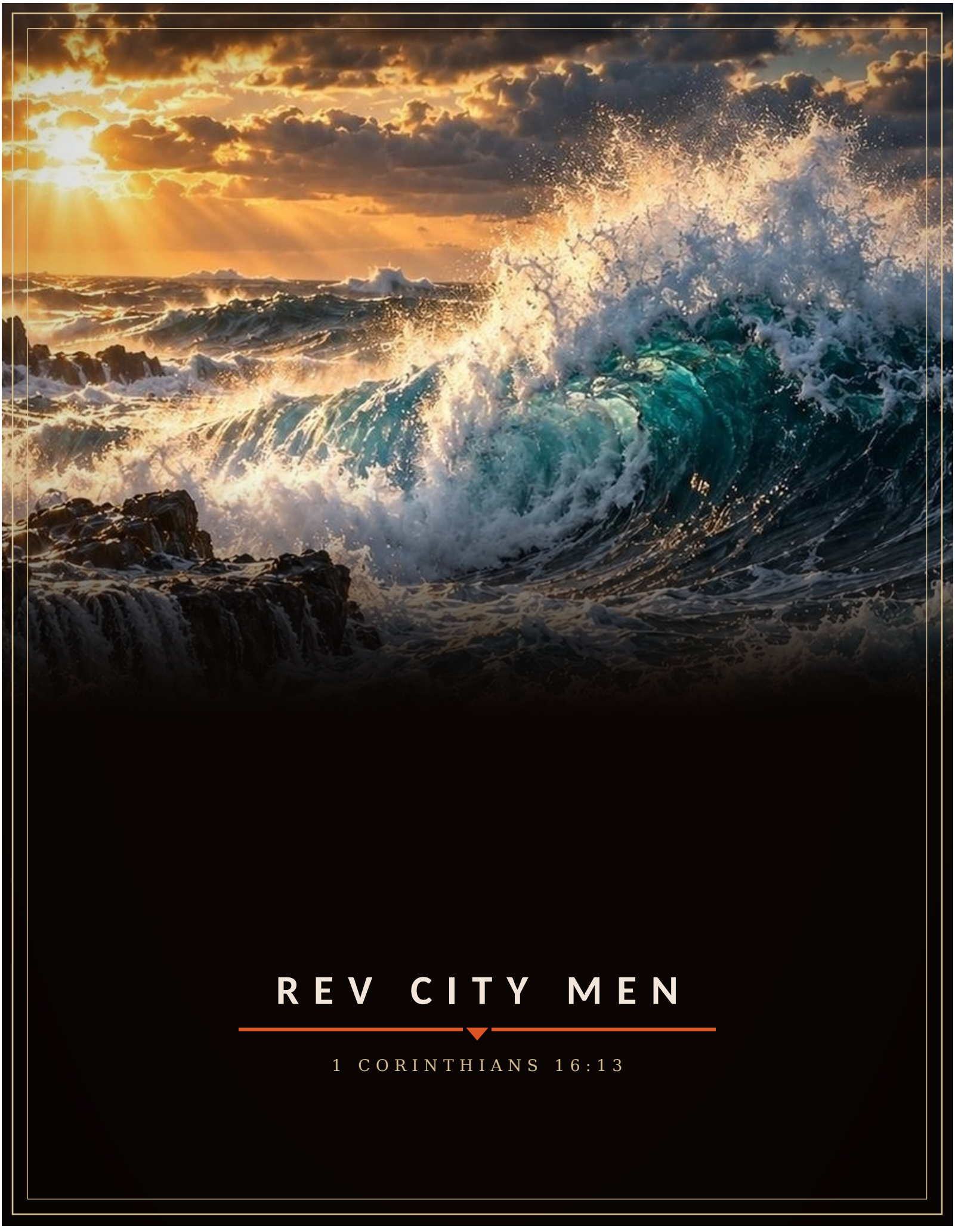
Will my children have to spend years recovering from me?

Use what God has done in your life to help others experience the healing of God you have experienced.

3. Am I living my life primarily for myself, or am I living my life to transfer generational blessings to my children and grandchildren?

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