

Leaving a Legacy With Your Family

Leaving a Legacy - Week 3 Devotional

Day 1: Surrendering to God

Reading: Genesis 21:1-7

Devotional:

In Genesis 21, we witness the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah with the birth of Isaac. Despite their initial impatience and attempts to take matters into their own hands, they ultimately surrendered their hopes of having a child to God's timing and plan. This act of surrendering was pivotal in allowing God's promise to manifest in ways beyond their understanding and expectations. Abraham and Sarah's journey with God teaches us that while our plans might seem urgent and pressing, God's plans are perfect and timely.

Application:

Reflect on areas in your life where you are struggling to relinquish control.

Consider journaling about these areas and intentionally committing them to God through prayer. Throughout this week, **practice patience** in these areas by resisting the urge to act hastily and instead waiting to see God's movement.

Meditate on the peace that comes from trusting God's timing rather than your own schedule.

Day 2: Trust and Obedience

Reading: Genesis 24:1-9, 61-67

Devotional:

Abraham ensured that the legacy of faith continued through his son Isaac by trusting God's direction in finding a wife for him. The faith journey of Isaac and Rebecca epitomizes trust and obedience. Despite uncertainties, Abraham trusted God's direction, and Rebecca chose to obey God's calling through the words of Abraham's servant. This narrative encourages us to lean into the unfamiliar with trust, confident that God's guidance is true and purposeful.

Application:

This day, consider a situation or decision where God's guidance isn't entirely clear. **Pray specifically for the courage to trust in what God is leading you towards**, even if it feels uncomfortable or unclear. **Make a list** of ways you can actively obey God's calling in this circumstance. **Discuss these** with a trusted friend or mentor, and seek their support and prayers as you take steps of obedience.

Day 3: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Reading: Hosea 1:2-3; 3:1-3

Devotional:

The story of Hosea and Gomer is a profound illustration of God's relentless love and forgiveness. Despite Gomer's repeated unfaithfulness, Hosea's pursuit of her reflects God's enduring commitment to redeem and restore us. This narrative challenges us to consider the depth of forgiveness we extend to others, modeled after God's forgiveness towards us.

Application:

Identify a relationship or situation where forgiveness is needed. **Prayerfully reflect** on any unforgiveness you may harbor and ask for the strength to extend grace and reconciliation.

Day 4: Togetherness in Marriage

Reading: Acts 18:1-4, 24-26

Devotional:

Priscilla and Aquila are a model of a marriage centered on togetherness in God's mission. Their lives exemplified partnership in both work and ministry, supporting Paul and extending hospitality and teaching to others. They remind us that the strength of marriage lies in shared devotion to God and mutual support in pursuing His purposes.

Application:

Evaluate the ways you and your spouse or closest relationships engage in shared spiritual practices. **Set aside time** this week to **pray together, serve in a church or community activity**, or **study scripture** as a team. **Reflect** on how you can encourage one another in faith, finding new ways to unite in your spiritual walks.

Day 5: Creating a Lasting Legacy

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Devotional:

In Deuteronomy 6, Moses emphasizes the importance of diligently teaching God's commandments to the next generations. Creating a godly legacy involves intentionally embedding God's word and principles in daily life. This passage challenges us to be proactive in instilling values that reflect God's love and truth, ensuring that our legacy is one of faithfulness and devotion.

Application:

Consider ways you can intentionally incorporate God's teachings into your daily routines. Aim to **practice devotions**, or **engage in discussions** around faith and values with those in your household. **Start a prayer list** for your family and friends, and **commit to praying** through it daily. **Choose a Bible verse to memorize** this week as a tangible step towards building a strong spiritual legacy.