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**Psalm 145: 4-5**



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and bless your name forever and ever.
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and praise your name forever and ever.
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## **Psalm 145: 1-6**



<sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

## Psalm 145: 7-10

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,  
<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
[The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.]  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Psalm 145: 11-14



<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
<sup>16</sup> You open your hand;  
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<sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.  
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to all who call on him in truth.

## Psalm 145: 15-18



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he also hears their cry and saves them.

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## Psalm 145: 19-21



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## Psalm 145 Outline:

- 1) If you care about God...  
...you need to care about the Next Generation.
- 2) If you care about the Next Generation...  
...you proclaim His Character.
- 3) Our Response Today

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## Point One:

>> If you care about God...  
...you need to care about the Next Generation.

**“One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your might acts.”**  
**Psalm 145:4**



***“Traditionally, the word Generation has been used to describe family relationships—for example, that a three-generation household includes grandparents, parents, and children. The word generation is now more commonly used to refer to social generations: those born around the same time who experienced roughly the same culture growing up.”***

**-Jean Twenge, *Generations***



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>> If you care about God...

...you need to care about the Next Generation.

>> Our high theology (*understanding of God*) flows to our doxology (*our praise of God*), which fuels our proclamation of God to the next Generation.



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## Psalm 145: 5-7



**“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”**

**Ephesians 3:4-6**



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**Questions for us to consider this morning...**

**>> What is your attitude towards the next generation?**

**>> Does your care for the generations to know and worship Him mirror the Lord's care?**



**““An unhelpful phrase I often hear older Christians use when they reflect on younger generations is what I call “back in my day” statements. *Back in my day*, we got our driver license at sixteen. *Back in my day*, we sat through Sunday school, church service, and never had a phone to distract us. *Back in my day* living at home after college wasn’t an option. Though many “back in my day” are true, they never foster a sense of compassion... Each generation faces different obstacles in life. It’s an opportunity for cross-generational learning.”**

**-Tanner Callison, *Gen Z Misunderstood***



**“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”**

**Psalm 145:13**



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## Point Two:

>> If you care about the Next Generation...  
...you proclaim His character.

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**Psalm 145:14-16**



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Psalm 145:14-16





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## Point Two:

>> If you care about the Next Generation...  
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**“The greatest hope anyone can offer Gen Z is the trans-generational hope found in Christ alone. When Gen Zers find their hope in Jesus, they are invited to live a countercultural life that reshapes the narrative their peers are living.”**

**- Tanner Callison**



## Point Three: Our Response Today...

>> What else do we have to give the Next Generation other than Who and What they were created for...

**Think for a moment...**

**>> Who has invested in you? Who fanned the flame in your life to deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow him?**





**My Parents & Sister**



**Matt Sowada & Joe Batluck**



**Peter Grimes & Jason Forest**



**Brian Barnett**



**Travis Reynolds**



**Lois Shaw**



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## A few closing questions to consider...

- 1) Are you proclaiming God's glory to the Next Generation?  
>>If not, what are you proclaiming?**
- 2) How will you join in on this incredible invitation to commend God's glory to the Next Generation?**