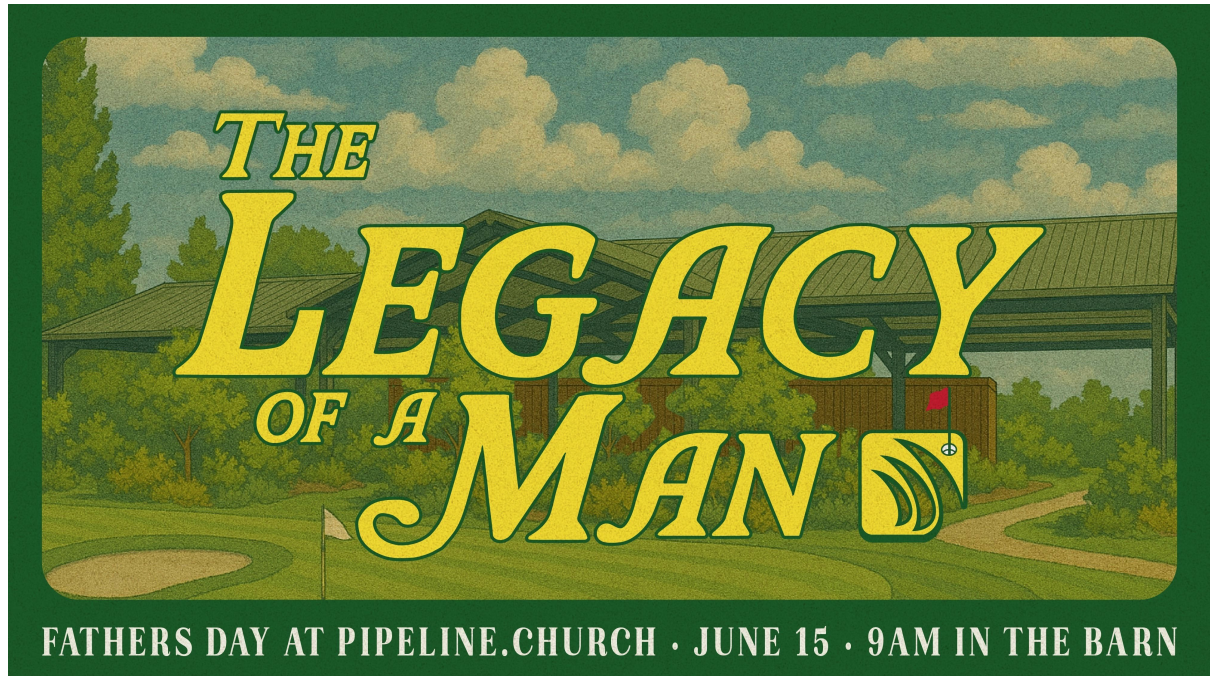


For The Boys

The Legacy of a Man

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Ephesians 6:4 NLT

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, *bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

Follow God first—others will follow you

Proverbs 20:7 NLT

The godly walk with integrity; *blessed are their children who follow them.*

Just show up—your presence is powerful

Colossians 3:23-24 NLT

Work willingly at whatever you do, *as though you were working for the Lord* rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an *inheritance as your reward*, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Little things done for God last forever

Psalm 127:3-5 NLT

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!

You shape the future by who you love today

Psalm 103:17-18 NLT

But the *love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him*. His salvation extends to the children's children—of those who are faithful to his covenant.

Build a life that outlives you

NEXT STEP CHALLENGE: *The "Legacy Letter"*

Write a short letter or note this week to someone you are influencing—your child, grandchild, student, nephew, or friend. Speak blessing, identity, and direction over them.

- What do you see in them?
- What do you hope for them?
- What truth do they need to remember?

Start with this sentence: *"When I look at your life, here's what I see..."*

Or: *"Here's what I pray for you as you grow..."*

... Let the Holy Spirit write the rest!

TALK ABOUT IT - *Life Group Questions*

1. **What does "building a legacy" mean to you—personally?**

When you think about the kind of impact you want to leave behind, what comes to mind?

2. **Who in your life has left a godly legacy that still influences you today?**

What did they do that made their influence last?

3. **Read Ephesians 6:4 and Proverbs 20:7 out loud**

together.

What stands out most to you from these verses—and how do they speak to your role right now?

4. **Which part of Sunday's message hit home the most?**

Was it about presence, faithfulness in the ordinary, or shaping the next generation? Why?

5. **What's one small step you can take this week to invest in someone else's future?**

Think about a child, student, friend, or someone you lead. How could you speak life or give time this week?

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with influence.

Help us live today in a way that honors You and shapes the future.

Teach us to follow You first, show up with love, and lead with integrity—so that our lives would echo for generations to come. Amen.

REMEMBER:

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ... That he died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!

Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something -
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