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REMEMBER THE KING

LEAVING A PATTERN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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Based on 2 Chronicles 34 – The Josiah Turnaround

**Be sensitive to those who may not have children and emphasize that spiritual parenting applies to all believers.*

Icebreaker Question: Share one thing you inherited from your parents or grandparents. It could be a physical trait, a habit, a tradition, or a value. Was it something positive or something you had to overcome?

Sermon Summary

King Josiah inherited a broken nation at age 8 from wicked fathers and grandfathers. Yet at 16, he chose to bypass the corrupt generations immediately before him and reached back 16 generations to follow the example of King David. Through purging idols, rebuilding God's house, and re-pivoting to God's Word, Josiah led an entire generation back to God. The question for us: What kind of trail are we blazing for those following behind us?

Key Scripture

2 Chronicles 34:1-3 (Paraphrased) *"Josiah was eight years old when he became king... He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left."*

Discussion Questions

Part 1: The Power of a Pattern

1. **Generational Influence:** Josiah had a wicked father (Amon) and grandfather (Manasseh), yet chose to follow David's example from 16 generations back. What does this teach us about breaking negative generational patterns?
 2. **Looking Backward:** Who are the "Davids" in your spiritual ancestry i.e. people whose faith you can look back to and emulate? Share about someone whose spiritual legacy has impacted you.
 3. **Modern Idols:** The sermon mentioned that idols today are often "endless digital distraction, career success at the expense of family worship, and worldly comparison." Which of these (or other modern idols) do you find most challenging in your own life?
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Part 2: The Three Stages of Building Legacy

Stage 1: The Purge

4. **Weeding the Garden:** The sermon compared our lives to a garden that needs weeding before good things can grow. What "weeds" (distractions, compromises, hidden idols) might need to be pulled from your life right now?
5. **Effort, Not Perfection:** The preacher emphasized, "I'm not asking for perfection. I'm asking for effort." How does this distinction free you to take steps toward spiritual growth without feeling overwhelmed?

Stage 2: The Partnership

6. **Investing in God's House:** When Josiah rebuilt the temple, everyone had "a financial and physical stake in the restoration." How do you currently invest your time, talents, and treasures in your local church? What might God be calling you to give more of?
7. **The Three Workers:** Reflect on the story of three workers building a cathedral—one just cutting stone, one earning a paycheck, one building for God's glory. Which worker best describes your current attitude toward serving in church? What would it take to become the third worker?

Stage 3: The Pivot

8. **Rediscovering God's Word:** When the lost Scriptures were found, Josiah wept and immediately realigned his life. When was the last time God's Word moved you deeply enough to change direction? What happened?

Part 3: Living the Legacy

9. **What Are Your Children Learning?** The sermon stated, "Our children are watching us... I am the only Bible my family will ever read." What are your children (biological or spiritual) learning about God by observing your life?
10. **Lukewarm Warning:** The Laodicean church was "sickeningly lukewarm"—the hardest condition to identify because people know how to pretend. How can we guard against spiritual lukewarmness in our own lives?
11. **Paul and Timothy:** The sermon encouraged having two types of people in your life—a "Paul" who tells you when you're wrong, and a "Timothy" who learns from you. Do you have both? If not, who might fill these roles?

Key Takeaways

✓ **Generational patterns fluctuate** - You can inherit a broken culture and still choose a different path

✓ **Three stages of legacy building:**

- **PURGE** the idols and distractions
- **PARTNER** with God's house and people
- **PIVOT** back to God's Word and truth

✓ **It's never too late to pivot** - No matter your past or your family's past, you can realign with God today

✓ **Your faith is your lasting legacy** - "Houses, lands, money will all be gone. The only thing that will live on in your children is your faith."

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge (Choose 1-2):

For Parents:

- Schedule a daily time to pray specifically for your children before correcting or disciplining them
- Start or restart family devotions—even 10 minutes counts
- Identify one "idol" (screen time, work obsession, etc.) to purge from your family routine

For Everyone:

- Reach back to a spiritual "memorial"—a time when God was powerfully present in your life. Journal about it and ask God to restore that passion
- Identify your "Paul" and "Timothy"—reach out to mentor someone or ask someone to mentor you
- Audit your giving (time, talent, treasure) to your local church. What can you increase?
- Read 2 Chronicles 34 in full this week and note what stands out to you

For Small Groups:

- [] Pray together for the Joshua generation (young people) in your church
 - [] Share testimonies of how God has worked in your family despite difficult beginnings
 - [] Plan a group service project at church to "partner" in building God's house
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Closing Reflection Question

"Will our next generation remember the King?"

Take 2-3 minutes of silence. Ask God: *"What legacy am I leaving? What needs to change so that those who follow me will remember You?"*

Prayer Focus

Pray together using these prayer pointers from the sermon:

1. **Purge:** "Lord, I purge every idol, addiction, and distraction from my life. Help me tear down what is broken."
 2. **Partner:** "Ignite in me and my children a genuine love for Your house. Help me joyfully invest my time, talents, and treasures."
 3. **Pivot:** "Help me rediscover Your Word. Soften my heart to weep over truth and align my choices with Scripture."
 4. **Legacy:** "Let any negative habits or spiritual apathy inherited from past generations stop with me today. Let a new legacy begin."
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