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STRETCHING YOUR LIFE ON EARTH

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Consider the following quotations for a moment:

"The only thing you take with you when you're gone is what you leave behind." (*John Allston*)

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." (*William James*)

"What makes greatness is starting something that lives after you." (*Ralph Sockman*)

The above quotations echo a common message – the message of legacy. Legacy means different things to different people. For the believer, however, it should be about the heritage of faith. Notice, we are talking here about faith and not religion. Don't get the two mixed up. Many have blindly passed on to their descendants religious traditions instead of faith in God and His Word. Think about it. The reason many of us are in the faith today is because somebody was responsible enough to keep the faith, and to pass on the same to us. Our forefathers in the faith were diligent both in keeping the faith and in committing it to us.

We see an example of that diligence in 1 Timothy 2: 3-5. Here, the Apostle Paul by the Spirit of God, lays out to Timothy, his son in the faith, the roots of his faith: **"I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."**

Notice the trail of faith in those verses: Timothy's faith traces back to his mother and, in turn, to his grandmother. How did that come about? Was it just by coincidence? Absolutely not! There must have been a

deliberate effort on the part of Timothy's grandmother to keep her faith and to deposit the same into the life of her daughter, Eunice. Eunice in turn, followed her mother's example in keeping faith and committing the same to her son, Timothy.

That teaches us a few things about legacy? One of them is that when God deals with man, he deals with him across space (geographical territories) and across time (generations). God deals with man first on an individual level. He opens a man's eyes to His plan of redemption. He gets him to see his need for a Saviour and to accept Jesus Christ as that Saviour. He goes ahead to develop him into a man of faith by purging his heart from doubt and unbelief, and thereby transforming him into a willing and obedient doer of the Word.

By extension, God's dealings with a willing and obedient doer of the Word will include the family of such a person. Take the case of Abraham. God choose to deal with him because He knew Abraham **"...will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."** (Genesis 18:19).

Part of the reason why God is keen to deal with families is found in Malachi 2:15: There He speaks of the purpose of marriage and the need for husbands and wives to stay true to their marriage vows: **"Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth."** (NIV) God is in the business of propagating faith in the earth, and He is looking for godly descendants out of our marriage unions. Our children represent a successor generation; and as parents, we have the responsibility of grooming them in the lifestyle of faith.

God's dealings with families eventually turn into dealings with a nation(s). That's because the family is the basic building unit of any society or nation. Once again, Abraham serves as a classical example of this pattern of God's dealings with man; and God instructs us to take a lesson from him: **"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him."** (Isaiah 51:1-2)

Pay particular attention to the order of God's dealing with Abraham. God first called him. He then blessed Abraham in response to his obedience. God did not however stop at blessing Abraham. He went ahead to increase (or multiply) him. High on God's agenda in His dealings with man is the multiplication of His family on earth. He wants to see His family on earth grow stronger in faith and multiply across territories and generations. The problem with the Church today, however, is that many believers aim low. Receiving the blessings of God is highest they are expecting from God. Few believers realize that beyond being called and blessed of God lies something higher and greater – the multiplication of their lives.

The principles we see in God's dealings with man are the same principles God intends the Church to operate by in advancing His kingdom on earth. God is working to extend His kingdom across territories and generations. In the case of territories, we find the principle of multiplication, for example, in Acts 1:8: **"...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."** (Acts 1:8) Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth are nothing but levels of territories. We also see it in Matthew 28:19: **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"**. Nations speaks of territory.

As far as generations are concerned, we see the principle of multiplication in Scriptures such as 2 Timothy 2:2:

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Here we see four spiritual generations of believers: the Apostle Paul, Timothy, faithful men and others

Knowing that God is up to multiplying His family on earth, we can conclude that we are successful in this life only to the degree that we multiply our faith across territories and generations. Like Lois, Timothy's grandmother, we need to purposefully multiply our faith across territories and generation. And we need to be intentional and strategic in the way we do it. Now is the time to commit to keeping faith and to developing a few (or many) others in the same faith. | [CWM](#)

Where Do You Stand with God?

If you have never accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour and Lord, you are alienated from the life of God...you are without hope and without God in this world. (Ephesians 2: 12; 4:18) The good news however, is that you don't have to continue that way. You can be reconciled with God and be born into His family by simply praying the following prayer:

Salvation Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

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