

WEEK 1

Legacy

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Hebrews 11:8

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Pericles, an ancient Greek philosopher, once said, "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." That's what legacy is and all of us are recipients of a legacy. Just start with your parents and grandparents and all the people who have spoken into and impacted your life. While not all of it has been positive, the negative can still lead to good. Life's hurts can help us become healers, and failure and trials can lead us to success. But it prompts the question: what kind of legacy do you want to leave?

For the next six weeks we will be studying the life of Abraham. And while Abraham lived over 4,000 years ago, the legacy he left is still alive and impacting people today. He was, like all of us, a person of faith and failure. And, like all of us, he had to make a decision about what kind of legacy he wanted to leave. He had the option to stay where he was or to step out into faith and be obedient to what God called him to. Abraham chose a legacy of obedience even though he didn't know where it would end up. What about you?

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REFLECT

Has there been a time when you felt called to be obedient to God in something and you weren't? Why is it difficult to respond in obedience to God when He says, "Go," but you don't know what to expect or where He will take you?

DAY 2

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

REFLECT

In your own words, what do you think it means to live a life worthy of God?

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

REFLECT

Often times, we may intellectually understand that God will meet our needs, but when it comes to living out that confidence, we grow fearful. How difficult is it for you to respond confidently that God really will meet your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus? What could you do to help overcome that fear?

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

REFLECT

Stop to consider that we have been granted an inheritance that can never be lost or taken away since Jesus is overseeing its safekeeping in heaven. Take some time to ponder that, then jot down a prayer of gratefulness to the One who purchased that inheritance with His blood.
