

THE LEGACY

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Engagement Journal

I am so excited about the Building on The Legacy Initiative . In this journal you will find three sections that take you through a spiritual assessment of your Influence, your Lifestyle, and your Legacy. As you read these passages and consider these questions, journal your answers and thoughts in the space provided. If you're here with your spouse, then talk through your thoughts and feelings about each question.

During this event we will guide you through these sections of the journal. You will probably not have time to finish all the questions. Don't feel rushed, the goal is not to get every question done during this event. Finish what you can in each section and then later, once you get home, continue in this journal and complete the questions you weren't able to get to during our event.

Pastor Jason

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2

Questions for Reflection

1. Spiritually speaking, who has had the most impact on influencing me to live a life filled with love and following the example of Christ?
2. How aware am I of the influence I have on others? In what ways have I seen evidence of this influence either positively and/or negatively?
3. In terms of giving and generosity, who taught me about generosity and/or had the biggest impact on me by their example of generosity?
4. Who has set the best example to me about the time I should spend using my talents to serve in the church?
5. In reflecting on these questions and considering this Building on The Legacy Initiative, what things do I feel I need to do/change in terms of my generosity and the way(s) in which I serve in the church? How might those changes positively affect the influence I have on others?

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand.

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.”

Colossians 3:1-4

Questions for Reflection

1. In the way that I live my life and set my priorities in life, are my sights set on the realities of heaven or the realities of earth?
2. More specifically would I say that the giving of my time, talent and treasure is reflective of my sights being set on the realities of heaven or the realities of earth?
3. Through this Building on The Legacy Initiative , what changes do I think God might be challenging me to make in terms of the giving of my time, talent and treasure?
4. What is/are the barrier(s) that would try and keep me from making these changes? What is God asking me to do about these barrier(s)?

“I have never coveted anyone’s silver or gold or fine clothes. You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me.

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

When he (Paul) had finished speaking, he knelt and prayed with them. They all cried as they embraced and kissed him good-bye. They were sad most of all because he had said that they would never see him again.”

Acts 20:33-38

Questions for Reflection

1. In the passage, Paul is saying goodbye to the Ephesians elders. They both know they will never see each other again. In his final words, Paul is essentially imploring them to live lives of radical generosity. Why do I think this would be his final message to them?
2. What am I intentionally doing right now to ensure that my children and/or others whom I influence around me are learning about the values of generosity?
And about the giving of their time and talent?
3. Thus, far in my life, on what have I spent the most financial resources? How do I feel about that?
4. Am I giving financially and with my time and talent in a way that still changes me, or has it become comfortable and routine? What can I do about this?
5. What am I beginning to feel that God wants me to commitment to RESURGE?

