

AUGUST FAMILY MONTH

Discipleship Curriculum

MONTH THEME

Building Families That Leave a Godly Legacy

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it...”

Psalm 127:1

WEEK ONE

The Legacy Lives Through Us

Parents & Grandparents Day

Primary Scriptures

- Joshua 24:15
- Deuteronomy 6:4–9
- Psalm 78:1–8
- 2 Timothy 1:3–7

PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

WELCOME

Building a Legacy That Outlives You

Welcome to the first week of our Family Month journey.

Families do not become spiritually healthy by accident. Homes that honor Christ are built intentionally through prayer, worship, forgiveness, discipleship, and faithful obedience to God's Word.

Throughout this month we will discover that the greatest gift we can leave our children is not simply financial security or material possessions, but a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ.

This week's lesson reminds us that every believer is building a legacy. The only question is what kind of legacy we are building.

WEEKLY OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson, participants should be able to:

- ✓ Explain the biblical meaning of spiritual legacy.
- ✓ Describe God's plan for passing faith from one generation to another.

- ✓ Identify practical ways to build a Christ-centered home.
- ✓ Develop a personal Family Legacy Plan.
- ✓ Commit to becoming intentional disciple-makers within their families.

MEMORY VERSE

“...choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

FAMILY MONTH THEME STATEMENT

Healthy churches begin with healthy families.

Healthy families begin with faithful disciples.

Faithful disciples intentionally pass the Gospel to the next generation.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Before beginning this week's study, spend a few moments reflecting on the following questions. There are no wrong answers — simply answer honestly.

Reflection One

When you think about your childhood — who most influenced your faith?

Reflection Two

What spiritual habits were practiced in your home?

- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Family Devotions
- ☐ Church Attendance
- ☐ Scripture Reading
- ☐ Giving
- ☐ Serving Others
- ☐ Christian Music
- ☐ Other

Reflection Three

What spiritual habits are present in your home today?

Reflection Four

What kind of spiritual legacy do you hope your family will remember fifty years from now?

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Joshua's Final Challenge

Joshua has reached the end of his ministry. Israel has conquered much of the Promised Land. The people have experienced miraculous victories. They have witnessed God's faithfulness.

Now Joshua gathers the nation one final time. He does not begin by discussing military victories. He does not review political accomplishments. Instead — he asks them one simple question:

Who will you serve?

That question still confronts every family today. Every household is serving something. Some serve careers. Some serve money. Some serve entertainment. Some serve success.

Joshua reminds Israel that every home eventually reveals what sits on its throne.

HISTORICAL INSIGHT

The covenant ceremony at Shechem was more than a farewell speech. Shechem was one of Israel's most sacred locations.

Abraham first built an altar there after entering Canaan (Genesis 12). Jacob buried his family's idols there (Genesis 35). Joshua intentionally brings Israel back to the place where covenant commitments had previously been made.

His message is unmistakable: every generation must renew its commitment to the Lord. Faith cannot simply be inherited — it must be personally embraced.

THEOLOGY CORNER

What Is Legacy?

From a biblical perspective, legacy is not merely what someone leaves behind after death. Legacy is the ongoing influence of a life lived in faithful obedience to God.

Throughout Scripture, God's people are repeatedly called to think beyond themselves.

- Abraham received promises that would bless future generations (Genesis 12:1–3).
- Moses instructed parents to teach God's commands diligently to their children (Deuteronomy 6:4–9).
- The psalmist declared that each generation should proclaim God's mighty acts to the next (Psalm 78:1–8).

- Paul celebrated the sincere faith that moved from Lois to Eunice and then to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:3–7).

The Bible therefore presents legacy as the faithful transmission of God's truth, character, and covenant from one generation to another. A godly legacy is measured less by accumulated possessions than by transformed lives.

WORD STUDY

“Serve”

Hebrew: עָבַד ('abad)

Meaning:

- To serve
- To worship
- To labor for
- To devote oneself to

Joshua's challenge was not simply about religious attendance. It was about wholehearted devotion.

Whatever consistently receives our greatest affection, loyalty, and obedience becomes the object of our service.

The question is not whether we serve. The question is whom — or what — we serve.

LIFE APPLICATION

Complete the following sentences:

- The greatest lesson my parents taught me was...
- The greatest lesson I want my children to learn from me is...
- The one habit I most want our family to strengthen this year is...

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Set aside thirty minutes this week. Everyone should answer each question.

1. What family member has most influenced your relationship with God?
2. What family tradition has strengthened your faith?
3. What new tradition should our family begin?
4. If someone observed our home for one week, what would they conclude we value most?
5. What does it practically mean to say, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”?
6. How can each member of our family contribute to making Christ the center of our home?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Building Our Legacy Tree

Using a blank sheet of paper:

7. Draw a large tree.
8. Write the names of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, or other individuals who influenced your faith in the roots.
9. Write your own family's names on the trunk.
10. Write the names of children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, mentees, or young believers you are investing in on the branches.
11. Around the tree, write words that describe the spiritual fruit you hope future generations will produce — such as faith, love, integrity, courage, generosity, humility, forgiveness, and service.
12. When the tree is complete, gather together and pray over it, asking God to continue His work through every generation represented.

End of Week One — Sunday Session