

Outline: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy

1. Introduction: What Will Your Legacy Be?

- Opening with Nicole Nordeman's *Legacy*
- Challenge: How will your choices today affect others tomorrow?
- Defining "spiritual legacy" — what remains of our faith after we're gone

2. A High School Student's Legacy

- Her difficult background and journey to faith
- Baptism and transformation in Christ
- Her untimely death and the impact on peers
- Lesson: life is fragile — live with eternity in mind

3. Jesus on Legacy (John 12:24)

- Kernel of wheat metaphor
- Jesus' greatest impact came through His death & resurrection
- True legacy: faith that multiplies in others

4. David's Charge to Solomon (1 Kings 2:1–3)

- "Be strong, act like a man, and obey the Lord"
- Biblical manhood defined by faith and obedience, not worldly standards
- Parents (and mentors) must speak faith into the next generation

5. Ways to Leave a Spiritual Legacy

- **Tell your faith stories** (don't keep silent like the farmer's testimony)
- **Write it down** (letters of faith, like confirmation letters from parents)
- **Use finances for eternal impact** (Robert Morris story of blessing a family)
- **Use your talents** (Ruth the Sunday school teacher's lifelong influence)

6. The Focus: Only Jesus

- Casting Crowns' reminder: it's not about being remembered, but pointing to Christ
- Quote: "*Our fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at what doesn't matter.*"
- Call to action: live a life that points others to eternal hope in Christ

Reflection Questions

1. When you hear the word *legacy*, what first comes to mind? What are some ways that you have already planned to leave a legacy? (ex. Last will and testament, life insurance)
2. How is a spiritual legacy different than other types of legacies we leave? (ex. Financial)
3. Read John 12:24. How has someone else's faith (a parent, teacher, friend) left a mark on your life?
4. If your life ended today, what would people say about your faith? s
5. Why do you think we so often hesitate to tell others our personal faith stories?
6. Read 1st Kings 2:3-4. King David told Solomon that to "be a man" meant to trust and obey God. How does that challenge today's cultural definitions of success or manhood/womanhood?
7. What practical step could you take this week to pass on your faith (e.g., writing a letter, sharing a story, intentional generosity)?
8. How does the idea of "Only Jesus" change the way you think about leaving a legacy?