

We continue the fall sermon series, ***A Life That Counts***, with this Sunday's sermon ***The Stewardship of Legacy & Heritage***.

1. What do you think of when you think about legacy?
Dictionary.com says: (1). a gift of property, esp. personal property, as money by will, a bequest; (2) Anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor.
 - Have you ever received a legacy, inherited anything?
 - How does what you inherited make you feel about the person who gave it to you?
 - Have you ever thought about the legacy we have as a child of Abba?

2. **Read and reflect on Hebrews 11:39-12:2.** Sit and reflect with this passage for about 10 minutes. What does this passage reveal to you about legacy in the *family of faith*?
 - Who would you say make up the “*cloud of witnesses*”?
 - Look over the list of the “*cloud of witnesses*”. Did any of those people have an impact on your faith, or perhaps another person from the Bible? What about that person impacted your faith?
 - What do you think Paul means by being *surrounded*?
 - How does it feel to know others have gone before you?
 - Now that we *know*, what are we asked to *do*?

3. **Read and reflect on Ephesians 3:19-22.** Sit and reflect with these verses for about 10 minutes. **Reread them again** aloud, listening carefully to each word.
 - What has God revealed to you about legacy and heritage in these verses?

 - Who are we “fellow citizens” in the kingdom with?

 - Paul speaks of a foundation we are to build upon. How would you describe our foundation?

- What are we building together?

- How important is our part in this building project? Can we do it alone?

4. Read the following passages. Share with your IG what God has revealed to you about the legacy of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - **Genesis 12:1-4**
 - **Genesis 17:1-8**
 - **Genesis 22:1-9**
 - **Genesis 26:1-5**
 - **Genesis 35:9-15**
 - **Hebrews 11: 8-12; 17-22**

5. **Read 2 Timothy 1:3-6.** Reflect on the relationship Timothy had with his Grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.
 - What kind of legacy did Timothy inherit?
 - What was Timothy passing on in **2 Timothy 2:2**?
 - Share any insight you are comfortable with in your group time.
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6. Has anyone in your family of creation/origin left you a legacy of faith to build upon? Who are they? Share with your IG about this legacy of faith & Love.

7. Have you ever thought about what legacy you might leave? We often think of that in terms of money, or a house, or a special piece of jewelry.
 - What about in terms of faith – how can what you do be a legacy to another person?
 - How are you a steward of your faith legacy?
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Reflect on how you and your group can support each other in being stewards of this legacy.