

LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH

JEREMY AND SARAH PEARSONS

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DAY I – LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH: GET YOUR OWN GOD

Every generation has an assignment from the Lord to tell the next generation of the goodness of God, and to build in them an expectation of what's to come. There comes a point when you have to “get your own God,” meaning you have to learn to trust and believe God for yourself. Faith allows you to frame the future with your words. Begin to see your future the way God sees it. You must decide that God, not a person, is going to be your Source for everything in life—love, family and finances. The life you live is the legacy you leave.

STUDY IT

- I. Every generation has an assignment from the Lord to tell the next generation of the goodness of God, and to build in them an expectation of what's to come.
 - “Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power” (Psalm 145:4).
 - This scripture can be summed up in the word *legacy*.
 - A legacy is something that is received from an ancestor or transmitted or transferred from the past. It's what one generation gives to another.
 - The Lord is guiding Jeremy and Sarah to make changes in their lives, family and ministry.
 - They want to share with you, so you can apply the same truths to your life.

- II. There comes a point when you have to “get your own God,” meaning you have to learn to trust and believe God for yourself.
 - You must develop your own personal relationship with God, first through salvation, and then by continually choosing to follow His leading in your life.
 - Jeremy and Sarah served the vision of Eagle Mountain International Church, then served on staff at the Kenneth Copeland Ministries for 10 years.
 - Seemingly out of nowhere, God started talking to them about leaving the security of their home church and having a ministry of their own.
 - They remembered good things God had done for their families, but they knew it was time to trust God for themselves.



- They started dreaming out loud in 2009 about their vision and future. Those hopes became plans as Jesus instructed them toward change.
 - The instructions God gave Abraham became a roadmap for Jeremy and Sarah.
 - They felt they, too, should go away from their country and relatives to the land God would show them, and in them families of the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3, *AMP*).
- III. Faith allows you to frame the future with your words. Begin to see your future the way God sees it.
- It's fear of the unknown that keeps people locked in one place.
 - Fear is a prison. It is NOT a feeling; it's a spirit.
 - A prison is an area with walls, in the natural or the spirit, that limits how far you can go (Hebrews 2:14-15).
 - So many people are locked in that prison and unable to step out into the future that God has called them to. They are frozen in their tracks because of uncertainty.
 - That's where the life of faith comes in. You don't know what to expect, but go on ahead trusting God to guide and take care of you.
 - It was a new thought for Jeremy and Sarah to step away from the security and support of family.
 - They chose to run *to* the vision in faith, instead of running *from* it in fear.
- IV. There comes a time that you must decide that God, not a person, is going to be your Source for everything in life—love, family and finances.
- This decision enables you to become a greater blessing to others.
 - The first step for Jeremy and Sarah was to submit the vision to his grandparents.
 - They said, "We want to go from being your employees to being your Partners." They had to change their dependency.
 - They had to allow God to become the God of their own household. They had to "get their own God," and not depend on their parents' and grandparents' faith (Genesis 2:24).
 - He's the God of the Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and George and Terri Pearsons' households—now they need to make God the God of the Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons' household.
 - Kenneth and Gloria agreed with their vision.
 - In 2010, Jeremy and Sarah stepped out into Pearsons Ministries International. They went from one level of increase to another, from glory to glory to glory.
 - They also talked about having a church—a place for their own family, staff and partners. They saw themselves out in the mountains.
 - The Lord was painting a beautiful picture in their minds.





- V. The life you live is the legacy you leave.
- Right now, Jeremy and Sarah have a contract on a piece of land outside of Colorado Springs, Colo., that matches the picture God gave them years ago.
 - It's going to be called Legacy Church, and its purpose is to instruct others in how to raise a family in the house of faith. That's the assignment on their lives.
 - "One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4, *NKJV*).
 - Jeremy and Sarah can take this step and leave everything that's familiar, because the generations before them have fulfilled this scripture.
 - Their parents and grandparents were faithful to praise God's works to them and declare His mighty acts. They lived their lives by faith. Faith in God is more valuable than money.
 - Jeremy and Sarah are grateful for the legacy of faith they were raised in.
 - Billy Graham said, "The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is a legacy of character and faith."
 - Paul wrote to Timothy that he remembered the genuine faith Timothy had that was first developed in his grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5, *NKJV*).
 - Jeremy and Sarah grew up in church hearing the Word. The conversations around the dinner table were about God.
 - They want their children to know how much God loves us all, and the wonderful things He has done for us.
 - Every generation has that assignment to share.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jeremy and Sarah say, "Get your own God." Write what that statement means to you.



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DAY 2 – LIVING A LEGACY

There are two kinds of legacy—the one you keep and the one you leave. We're not talking about *leaving* a legacy; we're talking about *living* a legacy. God commanded the fathers that they should make the goodness of God known to their children. We have an assignment to *live* a legacy, not just *leave* one.

STUDY IT

- I. There are two kinds of legacy—the one you keep and the one you leave.
 - A living legacy—that is the obligation or assignment that exists on every generation: to live a life that preaches the goodness and faithfulness of God to the next generation (Psalm 145:4).
 - Jeremy believes the greatest thing his family gave him was the spirit of faith. He and Sarah have built their whole lives around that.
 - Sarah's grandparents were in ministry as well. There was stability in their house: a steady constant atmosphere of love and peace.
 - A person of faith is a stable person—not wavering, unmoved and unshaken—based on God's Word.
 - The legacy of character and faith is an inheritance more valuable than money.
 - If you believe this message of faith, you'll have a home like we're talking about.
 - You will know what to do when problems come and when you face challenges. You'll have the answer.

- II. We're not talking about *leaving* a legacy; we're talking about *living* a legacy, because the life you live is the legacy you leave.
 - Jeremy and Sarah are launching their own church called Legacy Church.
 - They anticipated that God would add the pastoral anointing to their ministry assignment. They feel the call to raise up families in the household of faith.
 - Many times, their parents taught them as they watched and imitated how their parents lived (Ephesians 5:1).
 - Your children are watching and imitating you.
 - For example: Jeremy committed to do 100 pushups every day for 30 days. His son, Justus, is doing it, too. Justus wants to imitate his dad.



- People imitate the ones they watch.
- Train your children by repetition and the integrity of your life, how to live day in and day out. The children will develop the same habits.
- The training must be more than words. It's repetition, faithfulness, consistency, good habits and demonstrations of God's Word.

III. God commanded the fathers that they should make the goodness of God known to their children (Psalm 78:1-6).

- This is the Spirit of God speaking to you, fathers and grandfathers. God is always thinking of generations to come.
- There is an assignment to every generation to serve as a "bridge" to the generation before and the one that is coming after it.
 - That is the motivation for starting Legacy Church. It's important that our children be taught to walk by faith. We are planting seeds in them.
- Obey the command of the Lord and your children will set their hope in God (Psalm 78:7). Hope is expectation.
- We don't want to be like Israel coming out of Egypt, who were delivered from bondage but quickly forgot the power of God.
 - They saw all the miracles, and yet that generation chose to not remember.
 - Instead they went straight to complaining (Psalm 78:8). God said that generation would not leave the wilderness.
- There is power in remembering the goodness of God. There's power in your words. Your words matter.

IV. We have an assignment to *live* a legacy, not just *leave* one.

- The greatest legacy you can leave is a legacy of words that demonstrate character and faith.
- Make a quality decision now: From this point on, this family is a faith family. We put our hope in God.
- Don't talk about failure and fear; talk about the hope you have for the future.
- Be expectant about your future with God.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

What legacy are you living in front of people? If you need to change, write your goals.





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DAY 3 – LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH: FINDING YOUR FAITH FAMILY

Jeremy and Sarah are celebrating the legacy of faith they've been given. God called and ordained you to have a family and be part of a church family. There's a flow of God's life in the Church. God wants to plant you in the house of faith, so don't let anything un-plant you.

STUDY IT

- I. Jeremy and Sarah are celebrating the legacy of faith they've been given.
 - Jeremy and Sarah are getting ready to launch and plant Legacy Church in the mountains of Colorado Springs.
 - The heart behind this church is to share the things of God with the next generation.
 - We are to praise God to the generation that's coming (Psalm 145:4).
 - If every generation does that, the Church will never die.
 - If we do our job by teaching and instructing our children, and they do their job, and the next do their job, the Body of Christ will grow.
 - Your family can become a household of faith. Live a life that leaves a legacy of faith.
 - E. W. Kenyan said, "Christianity is not a religion; it is a family of the Father and His children." A church is supposed to be a family, not an organization.
 - God said, "For those who honor Me, I will honor" (1 Samuel 2:30, *NKJV*).
 - Honor God and experience His honor in every area of your life.
- II. God called and ordained you to have a family and be part of a church family.
 - The Spirit of God wants us to know we have a Daddy, and we are His children. We cry out, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15).
 - God sets the solitary in families but the rebellious dwell in a dry land (Psalm 68:6-7).
 - Blessed are those who dwell in the house of the Lord, for they will always be praising Him (Psalm 84:4).
 - A family of faith that builds you up and encourages you is valuable.





- In a family, you are connected with one another. The Holy Spirit can flow through you into the lives of others.
- III. There's a flow of God's life in the Church.
- People go to church for two reasons: 1. There's something the church people have that you need, 2. There's something you have that they need.
 - Jeremy shared an account of being early to meet the pastor of a church where he was to minister. He went outside to read the Bible, pray and wait. A car dropped off two boys and their grandmother.
 - They begin talking, and it came out which church Jeremy was speaking at. The grandmother said they used to go to that church. In fact, one of the boys with her had been healed of autism.
 - The reason they didn't go to that church anymore was because they discovered through other material that Christmas was a pagan holiday, and that church celebrated Christmas.
 - Jeremy was shocked to realize that even though God had used that church to heal the boy of an incurable condition, they left the church.
 - The Lord said that people are leaving churches, even though He put them there, and that disconnects them from the flow of God's life.
- IV. God wants to plant you in the house of faith, so don't let anything "un-plant" you.
- Abide in Him to bear fruit—all the blessings of God.
 - If you cut off a branch from the tree, you cut off the life from that branch and there's no fruit—no blessing.
 - Not going to church says, "I'm doing it on my own." That's rebellion. You may be powerful with God alone, but when you get together with others, you are more powerful.
 - David longed to be in the courts of the Lord where he had felt God's power and glory (Psalm 63:1-2).
 - Find the family that God put you in. Your prosperity is waiting on you right there.
 - Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. The anointing is like oil and water that brings you life. In the sanctuary, God commands the blessing which is life forevermore (Psalm 133:1-3).
 - If you're going through rough stuff, make sure you are in a church that feeds you the Word of God to encourage and strengthen you.
 - If you need healing, go to a church that teaches healing. Faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17).
 - Be planted in the house of God on the subject you need, and you will see fruit.
 - Jesus is for every generation.
 - To Him be glory in the Church (Ephesians 3:20-21). Praise, worship, healing and faith bring God glory.



MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

Father God, I want to live a legacy as well as leave a legacy. Teach me how to live day by day in front of people, so they can receive my legacy of faith in God. Thank You, Father. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 4 – LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH: YOUR GLORY STORY

The life you live is the legacy that you leave. Faith in God will give you a story that will give Him glory. Every night, Jeremy and Sarah plead the blood of Jesus over their children. In obedience to God, they are launching a new church to impart to the next generation the legacy of faith.

STUDY IT

- I. The life you live is the legacy that you leave.
 - There are two kinds of legacy: the one you keep *and* the one you leave.
 - Jeremy and Sarah are thankful for the legacy their parents and grandparents instilled in them, and for the households they grew up in. They were, and are, a family of faith. They believe God exists and has a good plan for them.
 - They are hanging onto the life in the messages of faith that they heard all their lives. That faith is what they're putting into their children.
 - It's their motivation for launching Legacy Church, and moving from Fort Worth, Texas, to Colorado. They are believing God is adding this pastoral anointing to them.
 - "Generation after generation will declare more of your greatness and declare more of your glory" (Psalm 145:4, *TPT*).
 - "Declare His acts" means to have frequent times with your children and share what God has done, what He's doing, and what you're standing in faith for Him to do.
 - "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus was and is the Answer for all generations.

- II. Faith in God will give you a story that will give Him glory.
 - You have to have your own story with God—your glory story. Take the opportunity to tell the story of what God has done for you.
 - Jeremy and Sarah tell what they do with their children at bedtime. They pray together and say things together every night. They say: "By Your grace and by Your Spirit, we will always be in the right place at the right time doing the right





thing with the right people." Take opportunities to tell them about God's goodness.

- Sarah remembers her parents and grandparents telling her amazing stories of God moving in their lives.
 - Her Papaw was a Baptist preacher and was against speaking in tongues. Her Mimi was sneaking to the neighbor's house wanting to learn about tongues.
 - One day he got filled with the Holy Spirit by himself in his office. It changed the course of the whole family. They decided to bring the whole family into the household of faith.
- We need to check our hearts and monitor how much time we spend hearing the voice of the Lord.

III. Every night they plead the blood of Jesus over their children.

- They thank the Lord out loud for good dreams and good thoughts. No evil, unkind or unlovely thought will be able to enter their hearts or their minds, because of the peace of God that stands guard over them in Christ Jesus.
 - One night, Jeremy heard Jessie crying after putting her to bed. She was having bad thoughts about being caught in a tornado.
 - The closest they had ever been to a tornado was an incident when they had to go to the closet because of a storm warning, and she became afraid of the possibility of storms.
 - The Holy Spirit told Jeremy not to ignore what she was saying.
 - Don't rush through bedtime, don't rush the prayer, and don't rush the sharing of the Word.
 - Jeremy sat with her and heard Brother Kenneth's voice inside him saying, "You have to fight those thoughts with words. You have to say God's Word of truth that is stronger than thoughts of fear."
- That's the legacy of faith. When you need to know what to do, the Holy Spirit will remind you of what you have learned. Say out loud, "I'm not going to take anxious thoughts; I'm not going to be worried" (Philippians 4:8-9).
- There was fear in Jessie's mind, they answered it in faith, and now there is faith in her heart that will live in her.

IV. In obedience to the Lord, Jeremy and Sarah are launching the new church to impart to the next generation the legacy of faith.

- Like the Scripture says, "There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters, for My sake and the gospel's, who will not receive hundredfold of houses, brothers, sisters, lands in this life and in the life to come" (Mark 10:29-30).
- Sarah's brother, Jordan is on staff with Pearsons Ministries International. He and his wife are moving their family to Colorado to be part of Legacy Church. He





wants his son to know this part of their family's story. They are leaving something to obey Jesus.

- When you leave something for Jesus' sake, it's not losing something—it's sowing.
- There is no place more secure for you and your family than the will of God.
- There might be something God is calling you to leave for His sake and the gospel's.
- Answering the call of God proves that you have more faith in God than in things.
- God has asked Jeremy and Sarah to leave the security of home and family.
- There may be great risk, but there will be an awesome reward, promotion and a hundredfold return.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make an outline of your "glory story" that you can share in one or two minutes. Practice in front of a mirror, but let it be natural. Now, be ready for the Lord to bring people to you to hear your "glory story."



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DAY 5 – LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH: THE LONG WALK OF FAITH

Jeremy and Sarah honor Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and are grateful for the faith they have spoken into them and into the global family of Christ. This life of faith is a long walk of faith. Jeremy and Sarah moved from the original vision God gave them to the reality by taking one step of faith after another step of faith. Jesus is your Answer and the Answer for the generations to come.

STUDY IT

- I. Jeremy and Sarah honor Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and are grateful for the faith they have spoken into them and into the global family of Christ.
 - The Copelands have taught the world the spirit of faith; they have demonstrated and walked it out in front of us for many years.
 - Jeremy shared a story of a man from Africa who sat next to him on a commercial airplane flight. When he found out Jeremy was Kenneth and Gloria's grandson, he gave honor to them, and he told Jeremy he had their picture on the wall at his home, because they have done so much for him.
 - Join Sarah in praying for Kenneth and Gloria's increase and hundredfold return; and that they be blessed, healed, whole and strong.
 - The Scripture says to remember those who rule over you, those who have spoken the Word of God to you. Follow their faith. Consider the outcome of their conduct, their conversation and how their lives have turned out (Hebrews 13:7).
 - Fathers, teach your children by sowing into them the wonderful works of God (Psalm 78:4-8). If you're not purposeful about remembering, you will forget.
 - For example, the Old Testament recounts, many times, the details of the deliverance of the children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt.

- II. This life of faith is a long walk of faith.
 - Sarah asked Gloria, "How do we get from here to what we have envisioned?" Gloria told her, "Just keep walking."
 - Jeremy and Sarah did keep walking—for 10 years. They started the TV ministry when the Lord told them; they had their babies, hired employees, planted seeds and sowed where He said to sow.



- Enoch had a long walk of faith. He was willing to walk with God for 300 years.
 - By faith, Enoch was taken away and did not see death. His testimony was that he pleased God (Hebrews 11:5).
 - Enoch lived 65 years and begot a son, then he lived another 300 years. He was taken by God at age 365 (Genesis 5:21-24).
 - Enoch walked with God for 300 years. That pleased God, and that's what faith is (Hebrews 11:6).

- III. Jeremy and Sarah moved from the original vision God gave them to the reality by taking one step of faith after another step of faith.
 - They imitated the life of faith of their parents and grandparents.
 - Ten years ago, they were in Colorado looking for a place to move to, and have a church with property and cabins for other ministers to stay and refresh.
 - The Lord told Sarah it was not time to move to Colorado. Go home to Texas. She felt disappointed.
 - Late in 2018, it came back up in their hearts. They had prayed several years ago, and they decided to pray again. Then in February 2019, God showed them the property.
 - It is a 30,000-square-foot facility, on 151 acres of mountain land, and the driveway is right off a main highway. It has nine cabins on it.

- IV. Jesus is your answer and the answer for the generations to come.
 - We can live in the same kind of consistency and constancy that we see in Jesus Himself.
 - Make the commitment to live and walk by faith.
 - Jesus is the same in every generation—that's the heartbeat of Legacy Church.
 - The Mission Statement for Legacy Church: The unyielding belief that Jesus was, is and will always be the answer. He is Jesus for every generation.
 - This local church with a global call is Jeremy and Sarah's platform from which to reach the nations, serving their generation with the Word of God, teaching them how to live by faith in the day of grace, and teaching them to experience whole-life prosperity and to raise a family in the household of faith.
 - Be encouraged that you and your house can become a house of faith today. Your children and grandchildren can grow up in this legacy.



MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jeremy and Sarah were raised with a legacy of faith. Whether you were raised in a Christian home or not, you have a legacy from your heavenly Father. Open your heart to the Lord as He teaches you the legacy He has prepared for you.

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