From Generation to Generation

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Judges 2:6-11 NLT

God calls us to share His story from generation to generation.

"For he issued his laws to Jacob; He gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children." (Psalm 78:5-6 NLT)

We're all called to:

- "Reach up" to gain experience and knowledge from older generations.
 "Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life. You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail." (Proverbs 19:20-21 NLT)
- "Reach down" to invest in the younger generations.
 "Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly." (Proverbs 13:22 NLT)
- "Reach out" to people of all generations.

 "Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.Don't let
 anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all
 believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith,

and your purity." (1 Timothy 4:11-12 NLT)

How we reach for others determines the legacy we leave behind.

"And the Israelites served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him—those who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel... ¹⁰After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. ¹¹The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight and served the images of Baal." (Judges 2:7, 10-11 NLT)