Living Beyond Our Generation

Part two of the series, "Beyond: Living Beyond Ourselves"

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"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, ⁷so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments…" (Psalm 78:1-7 ESV)

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There must be a healthy transition for LEGACY.

"He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, ⁶⁸but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves. ⁶⁹He built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth, which he has founded forever. ⁷⁰He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. ⁷²With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand." (Psalm 78:67-72 ESV)

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. ²I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." (Revelation 2:1-5 ESV)