

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)

Bridge the old and the new.

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The Gospel is meant to go to all generations.

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Equip the next generation to build beyond their generation.

"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)

"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. ¹⁰Be careful now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.' ¹¹Then David gave Solomon his son the plan... ¹⁹'All this he made clear to me in writing from the hand of the Lord, all the work to be done according to the plan.' ²⁰Then David said to Solomon his son, 'Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.'" (1 Chronicles 28:9-11, 19-20 ESV)

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