



LEGACY – TEXT: Genesis 25:1-21

Everyone has a LEGACY:

- 1) **We're all going to DIE:** Gen. 25:7–8 See: 3:19; Eccl. 3:20; Heb. 9:27
- 2) **There will likely be a FUNERAL and we'll be MOURNED:** Genesis 25:9–10. See also: Genesis 23:17-20
- 3) **Whatever we've ACCUMULATED or VALUED will be LEFT to OTHERS:** Psalm 49:10 See also: Ecclesiastes 2:18-19; Luke 12:20
- 4) **God INTENDS for us to BLESS OTHERS with the BLESSINGS He has given US:** Genesis 12:2. See also: Genesis 18:18, 22:18
- 5) **WHAT will our LEGACY BE?** Proverbs 13:22

You can only GIVE what is TRULY YOURS:

- 1) **Whatever we HAVE is a GIFT from God to be STEWARDED:** Genesis 24:34–35; 1 Corinthians 4:7) See also: Genesis 13:2; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Ecclesiastes 5:19, 6:2; James 1:17; 1 Peter 4:10
- 2) **We RECEIVE not only MATERIAL blessings but also SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS and PROMISES:** Hebrews 11:8
- 3) **We can PASS ON that which we have been GIVEN:** Hebrews 11:9
- 4) **As BELIEVERS in JESUS we've been GIFTED a SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE:** Ephesians 1:11
 - a) **We were NOT ENTITLED to this INHERITANCE:** 1 Cor. 6:9a See also: 1 Corinthians 15:50; Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5
 - b) **God SENT His PERFECT SON to REDEEM us and make us His CHILDREN:** Galatians 4:4–7
 - c) **Jesus DIED FOR us so we can obtain this INHERITANCE:** Galatians 3:13–14
 - d) **We've become HEIRS of God's PROMISES through TRUST in Jesus:** Galatians 3:29. See also: Galatians 3:7-9
 - e) **By God's GRACE we've received an INHERITANCE that only gets BETTER and can NEVER be taken away:** 1 Peter 1:3–5. See also: Colossians 1:12

Your LEGACY is your CHOICE and RESPONSIBILITY:

- 1) **Abraham INVESTED FULLY in the CHILD of the PROMISE:** Gen 25:5
 - a) **He went "ALL IN" on JESUS:** Galatians 3:16
 - b) **He REMOVED DISTRACTIONS to His LEGACY:** Genesis 25:6
- 2) **GROW your own SPIRITUAL WEALTH:** Ephesians 4:15–16
- 3) **INVEST...**
 - a) **In the ETERNAL KINGDOM of God:** Heb 11:10, 16
 - b) **In the SALVATION of OTHERS:** Mark 16:15
 - c) **In the SPIRITUAL LIVES of your (and the church's) CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN:** Proverbs 22:6 See: Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:15
 - d) **INVEST in the SPIRITUAL GROWTH of those who will PASS ON THE FAITH:** 2 Timothy 2:2

ONLY GOD can ENSURE a GODLY LEGACY: Genesis 25:11

- 1) **SOME pass on a LEGACY of ENVY, BITTERNESS, and CONFLICT even though they too have been BLESSED:** Gen. 25:16, 18; Gen. 16:12
- 2) **SOME pass on a LIFE of FAITH and GRACE:** Genesis 25:21. See also: Genesis 26:3, 24; 28:4, 13; 31:42, 53; 32:9; 48:15-16
- 3) **God ALONE can bring about a lasting GODLY LEGACY:** Psalm 127:1
- 4) **Only JESUS...**
 - a) **Can TRULY SATISFY the LONGING SOULS of our DESCENDANTS:** John 6:35
 - b) **Can DRAW them to HIMSELF:** John 12:32 See also: John 6:44
 - c) **Can GRANT them SAVING FAITH and ETERNAL LIFE:** John 6:40 See also: Eph. 2:8-9; Hebrews 12:2

"Gospel In Life" questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read Isaiah 9:6-7