FAITH THAT OUTLIVES YOU

How to Build a Faith That Lasts for the Next Generation

Chris Fluitt | Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15; John 10:10

BIG IDEA: You can't leave it if you don't live it.

LEGACY CODE bumper vid

LEGACY CODE: WHAT YOU LIVE BECOMES WHAT YOU LEAVE

What am I leaving my kids? Wisdom. Faith. Values.
Judging by garage… JUNK they will haul away!

WE ALL LEAVE SOMETHING. Worth keeping?
What you LIVE becomes what you LEAVE.

LEGACY CODE: NOVEMBER SERIES ROADMAP

Nov 8: CHARACTER THAT CARRIES ON: habits / cycles
Nov 15: GENEROSITY THAT GROWS: money / time / resources
Nov 22: LOVE THAT LASTS: relationships

TWO WAYS TO MAKE THIS SERIES COUNT

FREE LEGACY CODE WORKBOOK: QR

Biblical wisdom. Discover what matters. Real changes. Life that lasts. Share it!

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Today - FAITH THAT OUTLIVES YOU

I have a to-do list. Actually, MULTIPLE.
I have it on my to-do list to MAKE to-do lists! MY TO-DO LIST

House. Calls. Emails. Bills. Meetings. Groceries.
LOVE checking things off.

What rarely makes list? Kids. Listen to wife. Time with God. Encouraging people.
Urgent overshadows the important:

I CAN GET EVERYTHING DONE AND STILL MISS WHAT MATTERS MOST.

We can accomplish what won’t matter long… miss what could matter forever?

Think about YOUR BIG to-do list. Career. Savings. House. Retirement. All temporary.

Enormous time, energy, money spent on what won’t last.

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE BUILD AREN'T THINGS AT ALL.

Relationships. Faith. Character. Love.
IF I HAVE TIME… kids, conversation, Connect Group.
We SAY they matter. Live like they DON'T.

WE GIVE OUR BEST TO WHAT IS TEMPORARY…
AND OUR LEFTOVERS TO WHAT COULD LAST FOREVER.

Painful truth. FACE it, or keep building wrong things.
Jesus teaches us about TWO BUILDERS. Same work with different outcome.

WHAT REALLY LASTS?

1. WHAT YOU BUILD ON DETERMINES WHAT LASTS. Matthew 7:24-27

> Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 NIV

> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. Matthew 7:25 NIV

> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. Matthew 7:26 NIV

> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:27 NIV

Two builders. Two houses. Same storm.
BOTH HEARD. Only ONE obeyed.
Difference? FOUNDATION: HEARING and DOING Jesus' Word.

THE FOUNDATION ISN'T JUST HEARING JESUS' WORDS. IT'S PUTTING THEM INTO PRACTICE.

Not merely sermons / Bible knowledge / church attendance. DO it. Live it.

NOTICE- Nobody admires the FOUNDATION of a house!

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR LIFE MAY BE THE PART NOBODY SEES.

Beautiful houses, serious foundation problems.
Not just HOUSES: PEOPLE.
Lives collapse. Marriages. Families. Everybody surprised.
Looked good outside; underneath couldn't hold. NOT BUILT TO LAST.

YOU CAN LOOK SUCCESSFUL AND STILL BUILD ON SAND.

Want to leave a legacy? Foundation = JESUS. His Word: lived.

2. DON'T GIVE YOUR LIFE TO WHAT WON'T LAST. Matthew 6:19-21

Step 1 Building ON: Step 2 building FOR.
What gets your BEST?
attention / energy / resources?
What occupies your thoughts? WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

> 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
> 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
> 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 NIV
> Earthly treasure: decay, stolen, consumed. Heavenly treasure: lasts forever.

Do you know what you treasure?
What consumes thoughts?
Where is your HEART invested?

DON'T GIVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE TO WHAT YOU CAN'T KEEP.

There IS something you can give your life to and keep: FOR ETERNITY.
Jesus. His Kingdom. Never wasted.

3. A FAITH THAT IS LIVED CAN INFLUENCE GENERATIONS. 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15

Paul (mentor) sees faith in Timothy (younger minister). Where did it begin?

> I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Timothy 1:5 NIV

Three generations. Houses? Money? Unknown.
Nearly 2,000 years later: STILL TALKING

Lois - Eunice - Timothy

THE FAITH YOU LIVE TODAY CAN SHAPE SOMEONE ELSE'S TOMORROW.

GRANDPARENTS: Do you care your kids/grandkids aren’t following Jesus?
Sports. School. Entertainment… but JESUS?
Education. Career. Money: yes. BUT THEIR ETERNITY?

Your legacy: PRAY. INVITE. Connect Group. Help them discover faith.

PARENTS: do your kids SEE your faith? Worship? Prayer? Communion? Bible?

WE CAN'T EXPECT THE NEXT GENERATION TO VALUE A FAITH THAT WE TREAT AS OPTIONAL.

-Can’t force faith. CAN pray, invite, encourage, MODEL.
-Didn’t inherit faith? LET IT START WITH YOU.
-No kids? Paul was spiritual father.
They don’t need perfect Christians: they need REAL FAITH.

YOU CAN'T LEAVE IT IF YOU DON'T LIVE IT.

Jesus came -Not another to-do list!
Jesus came to GIVE LIFE.

> I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

Jesus died for sins; rose again. Trust Him. New life changes how we live.

NOT TRY HARDER. LIVE FULLER.

Invite Jesus into ordinary life: love, work, family, relationships.

So what do we DO with all this?
HOW CAN WE LIVE A FAITH THAT LASTS?
1. PUT JESUS IN YOUR EVERYDAY.

Not ADD Jesus to to-do list: THANK GOD, already long enough!
Invite Him to HELP WITH IT. Pray morning / throughout / decisions.
Word into PRACTICE. Build your day ON…

2. GIVE YOUR BEST TO WHAT LASTS.

Take things OFF calendar! What goes? What changes?
Say NO to good things, so YES to God things… lasting things.
YOU decide: don’t let everyone else decide.
Family. Worship. Connect Group. Growth.

3. PASS YOUR FAITH ON PURPOSE.

FAITH IS VISIBLE. Paul SAW Timothy’s faith.
Who sees YOURS? Kids…?

Pray together. Share Jesus. Invite to worship.
DON’T LEAVE LEGACY TO ACCIDENT.

A LEGACY DOESN’T JUST HAPPEN: IT’S BUILT.
Choices. Sacrifice. Everyday decisions.
Coming weeks: character, money, relationships.

NEXT FEW MOMENTS: decide - go through the motions… or ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.
Stand, sing, leave unchanged: OR reach for God.
Surrender to Jesus. Prayer. Build on what never fades.

Not filling service time: touching ETERNITY.
ACT on what you heard. LET’S LIVE IT!

LET'S LIVE IT!

1. START A CONVERSATION.

Questions? Ready to follow Jesus? Connection card. Talk with us.
DON’T LEAVE QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

2. LIVE IT THIS WEEK.

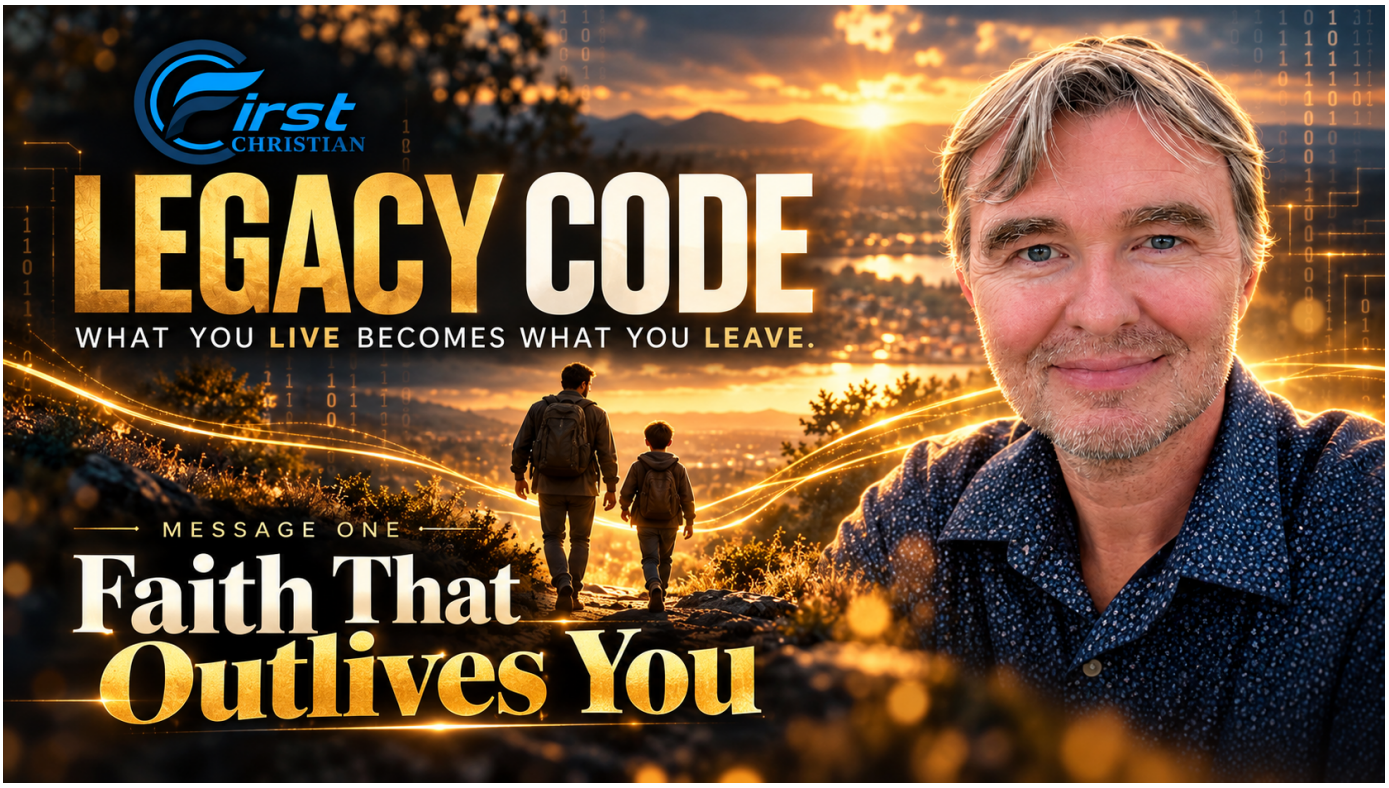
ONE action: pray with family / invite / make room.
DON’T JUST PUT IT ON YOUR HEART: PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.

3. LIVE IT RIGHT NOW.

Surrender. Come for prayer. Lift your worship.
DON’T GO THROUGH MOTIONS. MAKE THIS MOMENT MATTER.

KEEP BUILDING A LEGACY

What you live becomes what you leave. Explore the series, take the workbook home, and put your faith into action.



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