



BREAKING THE ICE

Who would you say is the ideal mom? This could be someone you know or someone famous.

Who is one person in your life that left a legacy you want to follow?

MAIN CONTENT

This week was special as we had the opportunity to hear from Pastor Kevin and his wife Rea as they spoke about legacy. We all have a legacy we will leave with others. It's up to us to decide what kind of legacy we want to leave.

Legacy is taking the long view of your life. The longer the view you take, the better decisions you make. The legacy you leave becomes apparent when you die. It's what people say about you after you are gone.

1. What do you want people to say about you after you pass?
2. How do you currently live up to the words you want people to say about you after you are gone?

Pastor Kevin said that legacy is horizontal and vertical. When we love God and love people (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) we are working on a legacy that's worthwhile. The vertical beam is loving God, the horizontal beam is loving people. Many moms live in the middle of that intersection of loving God and loving people. They have set a good example of legacy in our lives.

Not all moms have been a good example of this and we realize some people have been hurt by a mother figure in their life. Please know, no matter what you've experienced in life, your past is not your destiny and your life still has legacy.

3. Who has been the most influential woman in your life? What has her legacy taught you?

This week, Pastor Kevin talked about a legacy box he was creating with old videos and important moments that he wants to remember. We all have a legacy box we are leaving behind. We can leave behind what we think is important, but it's not up to us for someone to pick up our legacy box and follow

what we have left behind. We have to pray and trust God that the legacy we leave is fruitful and helps those that come after us.

4. What kind of legacy do you think you are building right now?

5. What, and who, influences you and the legacy you are building right now?

If you want to leave a good legacy, you have to live it out. You have to look at the long view of your life and decide what you want people to say about you after you are gone.

6. What is one thing you learned about legacy from Pastor Kevin and Rea's conversation?

7. How can you take what you learned about legacy from Rea's conversation about motherhood and apply it to your life?

This weekend, Pastor Kevin talked about writing declarative statements about your life. When we think about what we want our parents, kids, family members, spouses, co-workers and friends to say about us when we die, it can help shape us into the legacy we want to leave.

We can do everything in our power to leave a good legacy. But the most important legacy we leave is one that always points back to Jesus. Out of His love for us, He laid His life down for us so that we could be free. Free to love, free to live, free to leave a legacy that points to Him. We deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him, so that others will see Him and know Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank You, God, for the perfect legacy of Jesus. He is the perfect example of loving God and loving others. If negative legacies have influenced our lives, will You please heal those wounds. If there is any hurt we have had from mother figures in our lives, will You please be near and heal us from our pain. We ask that You show us how we can live a legacy that reflects Your love and kindness to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ This week, write down the declarative statements you want to be true about your life. Think about what you want your spouse, kids, friends, God and others to say about you.

+ Read those declarative statements you wrote as much as you need to. Keep them in front of you so that you can fulfill the legacy God has called you to.