

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend, exploring the profound theme of legacy and heritage, as reflected upon during Memorial Day and through the lens of our faith.

## Day 1

### Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NIV

Reflecting on legacy starts by considering the values we instill within ourselves and pass to the next generation. The scripture from Deuteronomy chapter 6 emphasizes the importance of keeping God's commandments close to our hearts and consistently sharing them with our children. It is a reminder that our spiritual legacy begins by nurturing a deep, personal relationship with God.

Our efforts to instill faith in our families shape the legacy we leave behind. Whether we express our devotion quietly or more visibly, what matters are the principles of love, devotion, and God's Word that we transmit day by day. Let's aim to bind these values just as strongly as the symbols on our hands and homes.

- What spiritual values do you prioritize in your daily life and how do you share these with others?
- How can you more effectively incorporate God's commandments into your family's routine?
- What can you start doing today to ensure that your heritage includes a strong foundation of faith?
- Pray for wisdom to integrate Scripture into everyday moments with your family.
- Ask for opportunities to impress upon your children the importance of faith and God's commands.

## Day 2

### Psalm 145:4 NIV

The Psalmist points out the importance of sharing the stories of God's mighty acts from one generation to another. Our legacy is not solely based on the worldly inheritance we leave, but significantly on the spiritual one — the testimonies of God's faithfulness and power in our lives.

As you pause to reflect on the legacies left by those before you, consider how you are contributing to this lineage of faith. What acts of God in your life do you need to share more often with those around you? This is the fabric of a lasting spiritual heritage that enriches the lives of generations to come.

- Think of a mighty act of God in your life. How can you share this story with the younger generation?
- What are the core spiritual messages you want to pass on to your children and grandchildren?
- How can you celebrate and remember the spiritual journeys of your ancestors?
- Seek God's guidance on sharing your faith journey with clarity and passion.
- Give thanks for the spiritual heritage that has shaped your life and ask God to help you build on it.

# Day 3

### 1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV

Our inheritance in Christ is immutable and unspoiled, ready to be revealed in time. As we build our legacy, let's strive for it to encapsulate the eternal qualities of our faith — hope, love, and salvation in Jesus Christ. These are the treasures we should be keen to pass along to succeeding generations.

The challenge is to live a life of faith that is so evident and compelling that it becomes a beacon for others — leading them to the same living hope. Our legacy must mirror the resilience and permanence of the inheritance kept in heaven for us.

- Contemplate the type of spiritual inheritance you are preparing for those who follow after you.
- What does a legacy of faith that never perishes, spoils or fades look like in practical terms?
- How can you more intentionally live out your faith in a way that will be memorable to others?
- Pray for the courage to live a faith-filled life that will leave a lasting impact.
- Ask God to show you specific ways your life can reflect the unspoiled inheritance He offers.

## Day 4

### Mark 12:28-31 NIV

Jesus simplifies the legacy we should aim to leave behind: love God and love others. This twodimensional commandment anchors our personal and communal lives, guiding us in the creation of a legacy that truly matters. It's a legacy built not on possessions or accolades, but on the depth of our love and relationships.

As we assess our lives, let's ask ourselves if love is the defining characteristic of our actions and interactions. Does our legacy demonstrate our love for God and people in tangible ways? Maintaining such focus requires daily commitment and is worthwhile work for laying down a legacy with eternal significance.

- In what tangible ways can you love God and love others as part of your daily routine?
- How is your love for God evident to those around you?
- What steps can you take to ensure your legacy reflects Jesus' teaching on love?
- Pray for the strength to express love even in challenging circumstances.
- Reflect on the love of Christ and ask for guidance in mirroring that in your own life.

#### Revelation 21:1-7 NIV

The vision of a new heaven and earth offers us a glimpse into the ultimate reward for our faithfulness. The legacy we build here has eternal ramifications, and our faith and actions connect us to this grand future that God has promised. As we consider our legacy, it's key to ensure it aligns with the values of God's kingdom and prepares others for their eternal inheritance.

In the journey of life, each day offers us a new opportunity to contribute to our legacy. Let's commit to living in such a way that when the time comes for the new heaven and earth, our legacy will already be echoing the values of that divine kingdom where God dwells among His people.

- How can you live today to leave a legacy that echoes the values of God's promised kingdom?
- What habits or actions can you develop that will have lasting spiritual impact?
- Who in your life needs encouragement to live for the eternal inheritance God offers?
- Pray for insight into how your life can bear witness to the promise of a new heaven and earth.
- Ask God to help you live a legacy that will resonate through eternity.