

Legacy

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This week Pastor Chase shared a word from the Lord on Legacy that taught us what a true legacy is. The key person in his message was King David, a perfect example. What was most visible about David was his successes, accomplishments and also failures. After all, how could you not notice a young small boy who killed a giant with a slingshot and a rock. You can find the story in 1 Samuel 17.

Have you ever felt like you got cheated because so many other people seem to have such a great life and seem to be so successful but you always get the short end of the stick?

David probably felt just like that. He was quite a bit smaller than his brothers and as a boy he was given the task of taking care of the sheep, the last place anyone wanted to be. David's real legacy began right there though, in the hills with the sheep.

A legacy is what you build with your life that will live beyond you. Being successful and building up accomplishments can only become a story not a legacy.

A legacy gives light to others to help them find their way. If that legacy does not show the way to eternal life, what good is that legacy?

Are you building a legacy that will shine a light for others to find their way to God even after you are gone?

David's legacy became "a man after God's own heart." David loved being in God's presence. While tending sheep David spent time in God's presence. He wrote psalms and sang to God. David took advantage of the time he had while sitting and watching the sheep. God blessed David because David was always there in His presence. Even when David sinned he was quick to return to God's presence to repent.

We can all choose to be in God's presence. Do you take advantage of your time to be in God's presence?

David's legacy shows everyone how they can be successful and how they can have a full life, full of peace, full of joy, full of all the goodness of God.

God created us for fellowship. He intended for us to be in His presence and God longs to be near us...YES, it brings great joy to Him when we are near Him, when we talk to Him and when we talk about Him! It is never too late to start!

Do you take time just to talk with God or do you tend to only talk to Him when you need something? Now is the time to start building a legacy in the presence of God. Will you submit to God who is knocking on the door of your heart to come in and spend some time with you? Will you begin building a legacy that teaches others to open their heart to Jesus as he stands knocking?

Remember, it is not just you wanting to be in God's presence but it is also God wanting to be with you! God wants us all to build and leave a legacy for our friends, neighbors and family.

Are you building a legacy to support others with worldly goods and wealth or are you building a legacy that will secure their place in Heaven for eternity?

Building to sustain others here in this world is hard work! Building for eternity is easy and costs you nothing. *Thank you Lord for the legacies of others that have shown me the way to you! May I do the same for others who are still here after I am gone.*