



FAITH at HOME

Week Two – Building a Legacy 08/21/21

Scripture Text: Exodus 20:4-6 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Sermon Points:

1. **Legacy Principle** - What we do today will have a direct influence on future generations – for good or for bad.
2. **Likelihood Principle** - In the context of strong relationships, children tend to embrace the beliefs and values of their parents.
3. **Lenses Principle** - Our children need the corrective lenses of truth to navigate the deceptive roads of life.
4. **Learning Principle** - Our children will learn what we teach them in a manner that will reach them.

Discussion Question Options:

1. When you think back on your personal spiritual formation, what is one of your favorite moments where an adult spiritually invested in you as a child?
2. When you think of the Legacy Principle, what impressions did you form about God, or life in general, from your parents? Are there any areas that you have had to unlearn? Please explain.
3. The Likelihood Principle states that strong relationships increase the odds that our children will embrace our faith. What are attitudes and behaviors that strengthen relational bonds and weaken them? For example, stress vs. calm, etc.
4. How is passing on our faith so much different than simply learning information about the Bible? Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9. What would the Learning Principle “Children will only

learn what we teach them in a manner that will reach them”
look like in practice?