

Week 1: Stories of Legacy in the Bible and How They Inspire Us Today

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1. Abraham – Legacy of Faith and Obedience

- Story: Genesis 12:1–3 — God calls Abraham to leave everything familiar.
- Faith: Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6 — Abraham's belief was counted for righteousness.
- Impact: Abraham trusted God even when unclear, leaving a model for us. Hebrews 11:8–10.
- Application: Faith and obedience today still shape future generations.

2. Joseph – Legacy of Forgiveness and Perseverance

- Story: Genesis 50:19–20 — Joseph forgives his brothers.
- Endurance: Through betrayal, slavery, and prison, Joseph held fast to God.
- Impact: His response saved nations.
- Application: Choosing forgiveness over bitterness builds a legacy of grace and trust in God's plan.

3. David – Legacy of Leadership and Repentance

- Story: 1 Samuel 16:11–13 — God calls David from shepherd to king.
- Repentance: Psalm 51:10 — David's prayer of contrition.
- Impact: Though flawed, he was "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22).
- Application: True legacy is not perfection, but humility, repentance, and worship.

4. Jesus Christ – The Ultimate Legacy

- Story: John 3:16; John 15:13 — His life, sacrifice, and resurrection.
- Impact: His legacy is salvation through the new birth (Acts 2:38).
- Application: Our lives should reflect His love, holiness, and self-sacrifice.

5. Apostles & Early Church – Legacy of Witness and Community

- Story: Acts 2:42–47 — The early church's devotion to doctrine, fellowship, prayer, and breaking of bread.
- Impact: They turned the world upside down with the message of Jesus (Acts 17:6).
- Application: We must continue their legacy by faithfully proclaiming the Oneness message and building Spirit-filled communities.

Key Takeaways: A lasting legacy is not wealth or fame, but:

- Personal faith and obedience.
- Integrity and repentance.
- Forgiveness and perseverance.
- Love, sacrifice, and truth.
- Commitment to community and witness.

Discussion Questions

- Abraham obeyed God when he didn't know the full plan. How can we show obedience in uncertain times?
- Joseph forgave his brothers who betrayed him. How does forgiveness shape the kind of legacy we leave?
- David was remembered for repentance as much as victories. How does repentance strengthen our witness?
- In what ways can we personally carry on the legacy of Jesus in our families and communities?
- The apostles passed down truth and community. What steps can we take to ensure the Apostolic message continues to the next generation?

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