

**“Receiving the Baton”**  
**September 1, 2013**

**Core Value #7-** We purpose to establish a Kingdom legacy for generations to come.

**LEGACY**—living to bring increased anointing, encounters and advances to future generations. (“Our ceiling—their floor”)

**PROP-** Legacy begins by honoring & embracing the stage that has been set for us—by those who have gone before us (i.e., “receiving the baton”)

**1. HONORING**

- **Isaiah 51:1- Honoring “the rock you were cut from” (Hx)**
  - **Isaiah 51:2- “Abraham & Sarah”**
  - **Romans 4:18-22- “father of faith”**
  - **Hebrews 10:23- “not wavering” (How God writes Hx)**
- **David so honored and owned his history—spoke of events as if he was there (i.e., Psalm 66:6) and honored Moses.**
  - **Celebrate their victories—learn from their mistakes. (*Focus on what’s been passed on to us—than what’s been dropped*)**
- **Matthew 13:52- “New AND old treasures”**

**2. MUTUALLY DEPENDING (1 Cor. 12)**

- **Must first receive a blessing to be a blessing (i.e., Esau in Genesis 27:28)**
- **Stay connected!**
  - **Malachi 4- “Hearts...restored to one another” Key component of revival (“The earth filled with the knowledge of His glory”)**
- **Seek advice!**
  - **1 Chronicles 13:1- David “consulted with” his “leaders” (Attitude determines altitude—leaders take advice)**
  - **Ephesians 4:16- “Every joint supplies” (connections)**
  - **Lone sheep vs. multiple “sheep among wolves”**
  - **As increasing glory→ increasing persecution...don’t let “love grow cold” (Matthew 24:9-12)**
- **Exercise “OVER & UNDER” authority- build relationships (not our own “kingdoms”) (Matthew 8:9- centurion)**
  - **Leaders “cover” (not smother or control; dote or dictate) for safety (Prov. 29:2- “righteous in authority...people rejoice”; 1 Peter 5:3- not “lording over”)**
  - **Leaders “come under” to support, encourage, empower, and release**

### 3. PERSEVERING

(Relay Race—in the “passing zone” receive the pace & persistence of the runner passing you the baton)

- **Honoring previous pioneers...persevering for future generations (NOT “eat, drink, be merry; tomorrow we die”) instead live for legacy!**
  - Games are won in the “off-season”
  - Our private victories (“lion & bear”) prepare us for public blessings (“Goliath”—*freedom to all of Israel*)
- **NOT through sheer determination—but via “the synergy of the generations”!**
  - “What God has planned for us is much bigger than we think—and impossible to achieve through determination alone! In fact, it will take the sanctified efforts of multiple generations to accomplish our God-given assignment.” –Bill Johnson in “Momentum”
  - **Joel 2- this outpouring breaks gender & generational barriers!**
- **Parable of 2 sons:**
  - **Older brother- neglected his inheritance; was striving to start something new; born out of a desire to perform & prove**
  - **In sharp contrast, the younger brother—broken by his own selfish ambitions—returned to the place of honoring & receiving—seeking to build on what has been established**

#### Moved by Inheritance

#### **Interactive (relational)**

NOTE: God is “we; let Us”

**Celebrate others’ successes**

**Creative collaborations**

**Focus: what God thinks/says**

**Accomplish together**

#### Driven by Performance

#### **Isolated (independent)**

NOTE: Satan’s 5 “I will”’s

**Envy; jealousy**

**Competition (insecurity)**

**Focus: what people think/say**

**Perform alone**

#### RESPONSE:

**Honor Jack & Barb Herd (47<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**

- **Pioneers; fresh, passionate pursuit of God**
- **Willing to be misunderstood, misinterpreted, misrepresented**
- **Sought to flow in the freedom of the Spirit**