God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation

The earliest stories about God demonstrate his continuing faithfulness to his people, from one generation to the next, and the Bible instructs us to be intentional about sharing and passing on our faith. Explore the Scriptures that teach us the importance of cultivating legacies of faith. Along the way, we'll celebrate *Groundwork*'s 15th anniversary as we reflect on God's continued faithfulness.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Who told you about Jesus or brought you to church for the first time?
- What does "legacy" mean to you?



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READ Genesis 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Joshua 4:1-9, John 3:3-8

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Why do you think hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney started with God's covenant with Abraham when reflecting on legacies of faith?
- In segment 2, Scott reminded us that "Above all, God wants his ways and his law and his word and the memory of all that God has done to be engraved in our hearts." What Bible verses and memories of what God has done are engraved on your heart?
- What gifts from God can you identify in your life that might be easy to take credit for, like Moses cautions against in Deuteronomy 8:10-18? How will you stay aware of God and thank him for those gifts?
- After following Joshua across the Jordan River on dry ground, the Israelites set up a memorial of stones to remember and tell future generations what God had done (<u>Joshua 4:1-9</u>). What visual reminders have prompted you to share stories about God's faithfulness and things he has done?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Deuteronomy 7:7-10, Psalm 119:89-96, Proverbs 13:22, Psalm 145, 2 Timothy 1:3-5

CONCLUSION

Faith is a gift from God that he entrusts to us. *Groundwork*'s faith legacy exists because of the many faithful contributors and supporters who make it possible for us to continue sharing the gospel in this way. Telling the stories of our work also tells the story of God's faithfulness as he works through his people to bring salvation to the world. Close your time of reflection in a prayer of thanksgiving for all the believers, pastors, and Bible studies of previous generations that God has used to give you his gift of faith. Name them as specifically as you can as a way to remember and honor what God has done.

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