

Legacy 1

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9 years ago this past week Judy Steidel went to be with the Lord.

Christy Steidel Crummy:

“Even though you are no longer here on this earth, your legacy lives on in me! I can still hear you saying, ‘The secret to life is to give your life away; go and change the world!’ Thank you, Mom for pursuing God and changing lives for Him. Now it’s time for me to raise up world changers.”

LEGACY LIVING is living the life of a **WORLD CHANGER!**

This series is about being a **world changer** personally and being a **world changing church!**

If you are looking for a church:

- That is safe and without risk
- That lives in a box
- That is **only** about me
- **YOU ARE IN THE WRONG CHURCH**

If you are looking for a church:

- That has goals that are reached—only if God shows up
- Wants to see tens of thousands come to Christ
- Marriages—strengthened and restored
- Young people living for God
- Addicts set free
- Living passionately for the mission of Jesus
- **YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT CHURCH**

Mark 8:34-35 – ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever **loses his life** for me and for the gospel will **save it**. **NIV**

We lose ourselves when we give ourselves to **something** and more importantly **someone** greater than ourselves and our individual accomplishments.

When **you** are **bigger than your purpose**—you have a **career**.

- Looking out for me—How am I going to advance and achieve
- My four and no more
- You are bigger than your purpose

When **your purpose is bigger than you**—you have a **calling**.

- Losing yourself is when you get a **calling** that moves beyond your needs, wants, and personal successes.
- It is no longer **just you** – It is **bigger than you**
- It is when **success** moves to **significance**

SUCCESS is when I add value to **MYSELF: FINDING YOURSELF**

SIGNIFICANCE is when I add value to **OTHERS: LOSING YOURSELF**

This isn't a lifestyle of giving God a portion of your life, but **losing your life entirely** for His purpose.

John 15:12-13 – ¹² My command is this: Love each other as **I have loved you**. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. **NIV**

When you live this way, **giving** of your **time, talent, and treasure** is reflexive, not coercive.

In my journey, I have had 3 steps to **losing myself to a purpose larger than myself**.

1. I wanted to make a difference.

- I want to do something that really matters.
- This was when **personal success** was the focus of my life.
- For me to move beyond this, **ego** and **self-interest had to die!**

2. I wanted to make a difference doings something that makes a difference.

- This is where I began to lose myself.
- This is when the desire for **significance** began to develop in me.
- I started living for something greater than me and beyond me.

Proverbs 9:6 - Leave your impoverished confusion and *live!* Walk up the street to **a life with meaning.** *The Message*

Mike Steidel:

“While we can all point to the impact of Judy’s influence in our lives, I’ve come to realize that the way she lived her life and her legacy are a mere reflection of Christ’s sacrifice and influence in our lives. It was the realization of **that legacy** that

continues to inspire me today and it has convinced me to live believing my best and most impactful days are still to come.”

3. I wanted to make a difference doing something that makes a difference with people who make a difference.

- We started VFC 20 years ago.
- The really great things in life take a **team**.
- One is too small of a number to achieve greatness.
- This is what makes this church so vibrant and relevant today.

Laura Steidel Smith:

“There is a generation before us of parents, teachers, mentors, and pastors that sacrificed and stepped out in faith with a vision to expand the kingdom of God. We are now living in the harvest of their acts of obedience. But we can't stay here and keep comfortably living off of the dreams of an older generation! It is now our time for the next generation to sacrifice and plant seeds of faith for the vision God has put on our hearts. It's now time for our generation to make way for the next. It's time to step out in obedience to make a difference for generations to come”

Now is the time to purposefully equip and train them for the very specific purpose of **legacy**.

“The secret to life is to give your life away; go and change the world!” *Judy Steidel*