

# Legacy 2

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In this series I am sharing about **legacy living** and **3 legacy initiatives for VFC**.

Next month we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church.

**Legacy** isn't about what we have **consumed**, but rather about what will **remain**.

What does God want this to look like for the next 15 to 20 years? What we will leave for the next generation?

**Psalm 112:6** – Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. *NIV*

The goal of righteous living is that the generation after us talks about the legacy, inspiration, and godliness we left them.

This is the goal of every mom, dad, grandmother, and grandfather in this room for your family.

Our Heavenly Father has a family and he desires the **generation next** to exceed our fruitfulness.

We don't want to be remembered for building buildings, but because we loved what God loved, we valued what God valued and we gave ourselves for what God has gave himself for.

**Ephesians 4:1** - Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, **beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling**, for you have been called by God. *NLT*

I beg you—live a life **worthy of your call**. You have been called by God!

You are called. You are called to make a difference.

You are not called to sit back and watch others **invest** their lives and make a difference while you **spend** your life putting out the next fire.

For some of you, this series is going to be a defining moment in your life.

For some of you, you will look back at this series as the time your life changed forever!

### **Passion**

- Without **passion** you will never be able to think **legacy**.
- We must have **passion** for what God is passionate about.

**Legacy** is **passion** beyond **self**!

Living this way isn't just beneficial for the people you serve and help or even to please God; this is about you fully living your life and experiencing the fulfillment that God intends for you to enjoy

Finding and pursuing your passion is the greatest source of fulfillment.

When that passion focuses on you, you will have limited fulfillment.

When that passion focuses on others beyond your immediate benefit is when you will experience the full dimension of fulfillment.

You were made to **experience this full dimension**.

**I Timothy 6:18-19** – <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be **rich** in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up **treasure for themselves** as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may **take hold of the life that is truly life**. *NIV*

In being “rich” toward others, you actually lay-up “treasure for yourself.”

Living this way will cause you to **live the life that is truly life!**

Passion is what makes a person live until they are dead.

I'm going to retire when I die. When I am dead, I will reach no one. I will stop lifting and encouraging people.

I desperately want you to live **fully alive.**

### **3 Things LEGACY LIVING enables:**

- Love God passionately
- Serve others selflessly
- Live life intentionally

The key to pursuing your passion is not waiting for permission from people or circumstances.

When **your passion** is **God's passion**, you have now entered into the realm of doing the impossible.

God's Word provides the path.

### **Digging Ditches in the Dessert**

- Ahab King of Israel dies—His son Joram takes over
- Mesha King of Moab stops paying tribute
- Joram, Jehosaphat King of Judah and the King of Edom join to attack King Mesha

### **7 Days in the dessert**

**II Kings 3:16-20** – <sup>16</sup> And he said, "This is what the LORD says: Make this valley full of ditches. <sup>17</sup> For this is what the LORD says: **You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water**, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. <sup>18</sup> This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also hand Moab over to you. <sup>19</sup> You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town. You will cut down every good tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every good field with stones." <sup>20</sup> The next

morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was-water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water.

**This scripture tells 3 things:**

- God tells you to “dig ditches” or create containers in which **He** can pour out His resources.
- The ditches will be filled in a manner that you cannot plan or figure out. It requires God, or they will stay dry.
- Filling the ditches we dig is **easy for God**.

This new sanctuary is a “ditch dug” that God intends to fill.

Legacy living enables you to trust God for the impossible and bring the waters of God into the dessert of life without Him.

**Proverbs 4:18** - The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. **NIV**

**Proverbs 11:24-25** – <sup>24</sup> One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. <sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **NIV**