

# Legacy

This morning we will be transitioning from the Kings & Priests series into next weeks Holiday Survival Guide series by talking about "Legacy".

Legacy...?

What does this word mean? Legacy

A legacy is what you leave with the people you're closest to after you're gone. It's what lives on after you die. How will you be remembered? It's the impact you made in this life while you were here.

## Every person leaves a legacy

The question is not *if* you will leave a legacy, because every person will. The question is **what kind** of legacy you are going to leave.

Listen to this:

"A descendant drinks from wells he did not dig.  
An ancestor digs wells from which he will never drink.

A descendant sits in the shade of trees he did not plant.  
An ancestor plants trees in whose shade he will never sit.

A descendant dances to music he did not write.  
An ancestor writes music to which he can never dance.

A descendent is born into a community he did not create.  
An ancestor creates a future community in which he will never live.

Descendants we are all born, but it is as ancestors we must die,  
If our life is to be worth living.”

This is very deep and profound.

This is the meaning of our lives... Legacy... That we Out-Live our lives.

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2 Years ago I was reading in the book of John... and I love the book of John... I get to the very last verse...

John 21:25

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

And as we close out this Kings & Priests series speaking on Legacy I am again brought to a place of thought:

“Am I doing my High Calling”?

Have I done significant things in my life and through my life that books might be written about?

This is a heavy thought... What will be remembered of me?

Listen:

You will NOT be remembered for what you **consumed**,  
You will be remembered for what you **contributed**.

We are going to circle back to this...

This is not a money message... Today is a legacy message. This is an involvement message. This is a high calling message. This is a message of vision clearing a way for where we are going in 2019.

Let's read this passage.

John 21:4

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

6He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

This is the last chapter in the book of John... Jesus had already appeared to them several times after his resurrection.

Notice they did NOT recognize his face...? They did NOT recognize his voice.

They did however recognize HIS BLESSING...

This is the same manor in which He called them to be "Fisher of Men"...

As his last act with them... He blesses them in their business. What they set their hands to.

But then Jesus says some strange things...

He goes on.... Bring me some fish... let's cook it up... let's eat what has been provided.

John 21:15

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Why the question? Jesus always asks questions He already knows the answer to.

Why this question? Peter was always bragging "How Much" He loves Jesus... I Love Him MORE....!!!!

Now after denying me 3 times you still believe that? Jesus is pointing Him to the fact that Our Love towards GOD will never measure up to His love towards us...

We demonstrate our love towards God BY our love for others...

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

I have one question...

FEED them what?

What's in your hands?

Look you had no fish... I gave you fish... GO... You now GO feed others...

Can we see this today?

“When you are blessed to BE blessed.... You’ll Consume It”  
“When you are blessed to BE a blessing... You’ll Contribute it”

### **There are too many consuming the blessing...**

If you read the passage fully Jesus already had some fish frying... He only asked them for a few more... the rest was to BE a blessing...

My question today?

Consumer or Contributor?

### **How can I contribute?**

I’m glad you asked...

Family Church desires to be greater united in Purpose and Direction.

We desire to have increased engagement and sense of Community.

We desire to have a legacy of a healthy ministry and NOT a big church.  
We do not want to be known for the size of our building but by the size of the hearts of the people who make up the church.

I’m saying to say... We need to make a change.

I use this language when speaking to people when I connect with the story they are telling... I say... “I see You”. I feel you... I’ve been there... I get it..

And Lately around Family Church I’ve heard... “I don’t see John any more... I don’t see Bob, Fred, Jane, Nancy.... Just using names...

And... I don't like hearing that.

In an attempt to regain engagement... Community... Connection... Time to meet others..

Have time to walk through the halls and see people... meet people...

Get signed up for small groups... meet small group leaders...

In an attempt to do all these things we have decided....

To change our service times.

Starting January 6th 2019 Family Church will have 2 Sunday Services.  
9:30am and 11:30am...

Will this make the services more crowded... YES... Will this make the  
Parking more crowded...? YES...

BUT... We will be able to offer more engagement by NOT rushing people  
out the door while trying to welcome the next service people at the same  
time.

How can you help? How can Kings and Priests partner?

What can you contribute, instead of just attending church consuming?

We will need MORE volunteers.

MORE... we are going from 3 Sunday services to 2... we need less...

NO... we need MORE you are intentional about reaching others...  
Feeding others...

We need Parking lot attendants who are happy and excited about helping  
direct cars to park...

We need children ministry workers

We need AVL Team

We need Worship Team

We need hearts ready to serve and FEED from the abundance of what  
God has given to us.