

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

It Begins At Home - Week 3

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Introduction

Pastor Dale speaks of the opportunity we have to bring about in our families blessings or curses. He mentions Jesus as a circuit breaker. When the love of Christ is evident in us we can bring blessings to our families, the generations that are already and those yet to come, even when there has been a heritage of curses, violence or broken relationships.

Bible Passage

Genesis 12:2, 15:5-6, 16:15-16, 17:1

Discussion

1. Consider your family history. Are all lines similar in character and behaviour, or, are they drastically different to one another?
2. Have there been people in your family who have influenced the generations that have followed? How did they influence the coming generations?
3. Pastor Dale mentioned that today's teenagers and young adults are the first generation to know things their parents and grandparents had not learnt before them. Have you seen younger generations impacting older generations in this way?
4. In the verses we are looking at there are three blessings expressed – the blessings of faith, hope and love. What could each of these look like in your context?
5. Take a few moments to pray about these blessings and what they could be. Write down a prayer asking God to guide you in bringing about these blessings through your actions with those you are in relationship with.
6. Consider who in your relationship network may be asking for more information, more input, more time from you. How might you build that into your family rhythm? Is there something you need to stop to make room for investing in someone else more?



Respond

Having a picture of how you want to impact those around you and those yet to come isn't enough of itself. To bring it to fruition, we need to form a plan and then act on it. In the light of your discussion around the questions above, discuss what God has been showing you, what is He saying to you and how He wants to work in you to influence those around you. Now pray for a plan, even a first step, and write it down. This week start on your first step.