



THE NEXT GENERATION

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“The older generation needs the younger generation’s energy. The younger generation needs the older generation’s insight and wisdom.” I am challenged by that quote from Aaron Keyes. This thought of leading the next generation hasn’t been so prevalent in my mind until I had my own kids. I find myself praying for them to know Jesus and that He would speak to them and make the Gospel to clear to them even at this young age. I desire for them to make Jesus famous in their lives.

I have also taken time to reflect on all the people that have gotten me to where I am today in my walk with the Lord. I think of “Smalls” and him teaching me to love the Bible of God. I think of Thomas and how he showed me the importance of teaching the Bible to people in a way that is simple to unpack. I think of Joe and how he was a constant example of a strong father (I desire to be that kind of dad). I think of this older woman at the church that stopped me my senior year and told me she had been praying for me for years behind the scenes. We had never met, but she said she saw something in me and prayed for me. I even think of my buddy, Nick, who was in high school and I was His worship leader in my twenties and was so taken back by his love and passion to follow Jesus.

It has taken countless others that poured into my life to get to the man that I am today. I so desire for this church to be these things to people in our community from one generation to the next. God calls us to pour into each other’s lives. He is calling you, no matter where you are, to be an encourager to followers of Jesus both young and old.

VERSES TO READ

Psalm 145:1-7

Matthew 28:18-20

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What could I do to encourage the next generation?
- Who am I mentoring or who can I ask to mentor me?

PRAYER TO PRAY

*Dear Most Heavenly Father,
Open my eyes to see people to encourage today. Help me to see you in the generations. Give me eyes to see how you want to use me. Give me a heart that would receive correction from an older generation. Lord, give me a heart of humility to receive wisdom and zeal from the younger generation. In Jesus Name, Amen.*