

**Blessing the Next Generation
Beyond Their Circumstance****WARM-UP**

- Have you ever received a gift without occasion? What happened?
- Tell about a task your parents entrusted you with or that you entrusted your child with. How did it go?
- Tell about a tradition that your family keeps.

WORD

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HEBREWS 11:20,21

Isaac and Jacob were the forefathers of the nation of Israel. They were commended for their faith when they prayed a blessing over their sons and grandsons. Today, we will look at three truths we can glean from Isaac's and Jacob's stories, highlighting how God views each generation and how we can respond to these truths with our own generation and the generations to come.

1

God is a multigenerational God.

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(Read also **GENESIS 48:14-16.**)

By invoking *future blessings*, Isaac and Jacob claimed the blessing that God had given Abraham, their forefather, over their own sons and grandsons, and for the generations to come. By fulfilling these blessings, God shows that He values each generation and continues His promises through the generations. How can we be secure in God knowing that He is multigenerational? How can we also value each generation?

2

God has an inheritance for every generation.

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In God, every generation has an inheritance. He does not favor one specific generation or group of people. As Jacob and Isaac blessed their sons and grandsons, they were declaring God's inheritance upon the next generation. How can we claim the inheritance God has for us?

3 God can use us to bless the next generation.

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(Read also **PROVERBS 13:22**.)

God uses one generation to bless another. In the same way that God used Isaac and Jacob, we can claim and declare God's blessing upon our sons and daughters, and even beyond the generation after us. How can we take responsibility in this? According to Proverbs 13:22, what is one way we can bless the next generation?

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APPLICATION

- How does the knowledge of the love and the inheritance God has for each generation affect your identity in Him? How can you grow deeper in your relationship with God today?
- How can we be used by God to bless the next generation? Ask God daily to reveal more of Himself and His will for the next generation to you.
- What are some ways you can show God's love for each generation to those around you this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for how He values and loves each generation. Pray to see the next generation the way God sees them.
- Claim the inheritance of God for your generation and the generation after you. Claim God's promises that last beyond generations.
- Ask God to reveal more ways that you can bless the next generation. Pray for your spiritual ears to be opened to His leading in blessing them and for the strength to obey.

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