

## Truth Through the Generations

### Judges 2:6-10

<sup>6</sup>When Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to possess the land. <sup>7</sup>The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel. <sup>8</sup>Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred and ten. <sup>9</sup>And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. <sup>10</sup>All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

This generation was not set up for success by their forefathers because they did not lead their children to know the Lord.

**Power of example, but Faith tied to Joshua or to the Lord?**

In business, they say that the first generation builds it, the second maintains it, and the third generation tears it down.

This is also often true spiritually- the “godly grandparents” syndrome. But is our faith as real as theirs?

Knowing the Ways of God leads to the experience of His Works, but the reverse is not necessarily the case.

### Hebrews 3:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years. <sup>10</sup>“Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they did not know My ways’

The great error that Israel made was to try to terrify the coming generation with the Deeds of God, failing to lead them to know His heart.

The generation that has the greatest advantage spiritually is the one that knows both the Works and the Ways of God.

God’s Ways are those subtle behaviors that distinguish God as God. They only understood by those who truly know Him.

God’s Works are displays of power that reveal what is in God’s heart.

The “why” matters so much more than the “what”! What does it tell us about God? Get to the heart of the matter!

All of this happens as we engage intentionally with the next generation until they know God for themselves.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-8

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

### Psalms 22:30-31

<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. <sup>31</sup>They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed it.