



2026 VICTORY FAMILY CONFERENCE • OPENING NIGHT

The Value of Family

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*"We're not just raising children. **We're raising generations.**" — This weekend is about three things: grow together, heal together, and leave a legacy.*

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POINT ONE

Enjoy the Life (and the People) God Gave You

ECCLESIASTES 8:15 • NLT

"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun."

- ◆ There is a time to work, to build, to pray. But God also says: enjoy life, and enjoy the people He put in your life.
- ◆ We get busy building life, paying bills, and working, and we forget to enjoy the people we are building life with.
- ◆ On this cruise: laugh together, eat together, talk together, make memories together, enjoy each other.
- ◆ One of God's greatest gifts to humanity is family, and we almost miss it.
- ◆ Jesus taught us to pray "OUR Father," not "MY Father" (Matthew 6:9). Give *us*. Forgive *us*. Lead *us*. When you pray, you think family.

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**Family isn't merely about people who are here today.
Family is generational.**

APOSTLE TONY BRAZELTON

POINT TWO

Grow Together as a Family

2 PETER 3:18 • NKJV

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

- ◆ **Growth is not an event; it is a lifestyle.** The word is *continue* to grow.
- ◆ What is true individually should also be true for us as a family. Keep growing in:
 - Relationships and communication
 - Love for each other (grow *into* love, not out of it)
 - Faith in God and the wisdom of God
 - Forgiveness: no more grudges; quickly forgiving is doing the Word
 - Understanding of each other

LUKE 2:52 • NLT

"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."

- ◆ Jesus grew **intellectually** (wisdom), **physically** (stature), **spiritually** (favor with God), and **socially** (favor with people). So must we.
- ◆ Grow socially this weekend: do not hide in your stateroom. Socialize with people you would never have met before.
- ◆ This is a season of pushing boundaries. Remove every piece of "yellow tape" you have stretched around your own life.
- ◆ The test: a year from now, you should be able to say, **"I am better than I was a year ago."**

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You should be able to look at yourself a year from now and say: I am better than I was a year ago.

APOSTLE CYNTHIA BRAZELTON

POINT THREE

Grow With Legacy in Mind

- ◆ Legacy is what we leave to the next generation.
- ◆ Legacy is the idea that what God does in one generation becomes the foundation for the next generation.

GENESIS 18:17-19 • NLT

"Should I hide my plan from Abraham? ... For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised."

- ◆ God chose Abraham because He knew Abraham would **carry legacy**. God was not just thinking about Abraham; He was thinking about what Abraham would **transfer**.
- ◆ God says the same about you: "I know you. I know what you will teach your children, what you will establish in your household, what you will transfer to the next generation."
- ◆ **Legacy is developed through relationships**. Without relationships, legacy can be lost.

3 JOHN 1:13-14 • NKJV

"I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face."

- ◆ Not everything can be communicated through written words. Some truth requires presence, conversation, and fellowship.

- ◆ You cannot transfer everything through lecture. Some things transfer only through **doing life together**:
 - Family vacations matter. Family dinners matter.
 - Conversations matter. Phone calls matter.
 - Time spent matters. Stories matter.

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Relationship becomes the bridge over which legacy travels.

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POINT FOUR

Leave a Legacy of the Word — and a Real Relationship With God

DEUTERONOMY 6:4–9 • THE VOICE (AS READ)

"Make the things I'm commanding you today part of who you are. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you're sitting together in your home and when you're walking together down the road. Make them the last thing you talk about before you go to bed and the first thing you talk about the next morning."

- ◆ Keep the Word of God in front of your family **all the time**: at home, on the road, at night, in the morning.
- ◆ Make God part of your family, and make God part of your family's **conversation**.
- ◆ Do not just preach the Word to your family. **Live it in front of them**, especially your children.
- ◆ Our children and grandchildren should not only know what the church believes. **They should know what YOU believe.**
 - They should hear your testimonies.
 - They should know the miracles you have seen.
 - They should know what God has brought you through.
 - At each stage of life, they should see you trusting God.
 - You are not favoring any of your children. You are just growing. Each child gets a better version of you.

DEUTERONOMY 29:29 • NKJV

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

- ◆ What God reveals to one generation is supposed to become an **inheritance** for the next.
- ◆ Apostle Cynthia's testimony: He is the God of the toilet paper. The God of the toothpaste. The God of the fine — charges dropped in court, and a father who said, "All you want to be is Dad, so I'm going to let you be Dad."
- ◆ Apostle Tony's mother **made Jesus real**: she prayed about parking spaces and got the same spot back; front-row parking at a 2,000-person meeting; the elevator door held open. Her legacy: **God is relational. He is real.**
- ◆ Tony's first prayer as a believer: "I want to know the God my mother knows." That passion led him to hear God's voice and bring a broken man downtown to tears with one message: "He still loves you."

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 • NKJV

"...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

- ◆ Timothy had the faith of his mother and grandmother. Many of us are living on our grandparents' faith. That is legacy already working.

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Our children and our grandchildren shouldn't only know what the church believes. They should know what YOU believe.

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POINT FIVE

Legacy Is Both Tangible and Intangible

- ◆ **Tangible:** money, property, businesses, investments, possessions.
- ◆ **Intangible:** faith, character, wisdom, integrity, love, honor, values, knowledge, experience.
- ◆ **We want our ceiling to become their floor.** The next generation should not have to start where we started.
- ◆ True legacy builds people. **Your greatest investment in life is people.**

PROVERBS 13:22 • ERV (AS READ)

"It is good to have something to pass down to your grandchildren."

- ◆ Every family needs **family values**. What are yours? What values are you giving your family, and what values are they living?
- ◆ Hebrews 11 (as read): **"Their lives were trophies to their faith... We now complete the history of their lives."**
 - Somebody before us prayed, and we are living in it.
 - Somebody before us sacrificed, and we are benefiting from it.
 - Somebody before us endured, so we could stand where we stand today.

HEBREWS 11:39–40 • NKJV

"And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us."

- ◆ Like a relay race: one generation starts, another completes. They passed the baton; nobody crosses the finish line until the last runner crosses.

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Ask yourself this question: what happens in your absence? Whatever is happening in your absence — that is legacy.

APOSTLE TONY BRAZELTON

POINT SIX

Some Things Should NOT Be Passed Down

- ◆ Everything that runs in a family should not continue to run in the family. **Some things we transfer. Other things we stop.**
- ◆ Recognize the patterns in your family line: broken marriages, financial struggle, addiction, abusive relationships, hurt, fear, lying, mean spirits, negativity, control, bad tempers.
- ◆ Maybe you have not personally struggled with it, but you can see the pattern in the line. Or maybe you are struggling now with something you watched repeat in previous generations.
- ◆ The good news: **Jesus has given us a new beginning.** It can stop at your life. Say it: **"It stops with me."**

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Every generation has the responsibility to ask: what should continue through me, and what should stop with me?

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 • NKJV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

GALATIANS 3:13-14 • ERV (AS READ)

"The law says we are under a curse for not always obeying it, but Christ took away that curse. He changed places with us and put Himself under that curse... Christ died so that by believing in Him we could have the Spirit that God promised."

PSALM 139:23-24 • NKJV

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

- ◆ Because of Jesus: fear does not have to continue. Addiction does not have to continue. Bitterness, broken relationships, anger, dysfunction, unforgiveness, abuse — none of it has to continue.
- ◆ Family transformation begins with "**search ME**" — not search my husband, my wife, or my children. Search me, God, and show me what needs to be healed.
- ◆ From generational **patterns** to generational **blessings**. We leave a legacy of blessing, not cursing, because Christ has set us free.

CAPTURE THIS

Key Quotes

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APOSTLE TONY, ABOUT HIS MOTHER

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Themes

Family is generational, not just the people at the table today

Growth is a lifestyle, individually and as a family

Legacy travels through relationship, not lecture

Your testimony is your children's inheritance

The Word of God belongs at the center of the home

In Christ, generational patterns become generational blessings

Nuggets

- ◆ Pray "Our Father," and you will think family every time you pray.
- ◆ Remove the yellow tape: stop treating your own limits like a crime scene you cannot cross.
- ◆ Each child gets a better version of you. That is not favoritism. That is growth.
- ◆ Parking-space faith: small answered prayers make Jesus real to children.
- ◆ The baton only matters if it gets handed off.
- ◆ The curse stops here. The blessing starts here.

Reflection Questions

1. What happens in your absence?
2. What are you producing, and who are you producing?
3. What are your family values, and is your family actually living them?
4. What patterns of blessing, behavior, or struggle do you notice in your family line?
5. What should continue through me, and what should stop with me?

How This Applies to Us

- 1 **Talk about the Word at home.** Make God part of the family conversation: last thing at night, first thing in the morning (Deuteronomy 6).
- 2 **Tell your testimonies.** Our children need to know what WE believe, the miracles we have seen, and what God brought us through. Schedule the stories.
- 3 **Invest presence, not just provision.** Family dinners, vacations, phone calls, and time spent are the bridge legacy travels on. Protect them on the calendar.
- 4 **Name our family values.** Write them down. Measure the family by them.
- 5 **Run the legacy audit.** Answer the two questions honestly: what happens in our absence, and what are we producing?
- 6 **Break one pattern, transfer one blessing.** Say both out loud: "It stops with me. It continues through me."
- 7 **Pray the search-me prayer as a family.** Psalm 139:23–24, aimed at me first, not at my spouse or kids.
- 8 **Aim ceiling-to-floor.** Make decisions that let the next generation start where we finished.



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