

**SERMON SERIES: Living Generationally** 

**SERMON TITLE: The Blessing of the Third Generation** 

KEY TEXT (NKJV): Psalm 78:1-8 NKJV

OTHER TEXTS (NKJV, NLT): Genesis 12:1, Exodus 18:24, Exodus 17:9-13, Numbers 16:20-32, Judges 16:25-26, Psalm 78:40-41, Acts 2:15-18, 2 Timothy 1:5

**Big Idea:** Living generationally means more than just knowing God's Word for ourselves, it is about receiving His truth, living it out as a daily example, and intentionally passing it on to others so that faith does not end with us. Each generation is called to declare who God is, what He has done, and the hope found in His Word, so that our children, and those looking up to us may arise and teach the next generation. By teaching through both words and actions, we become living letters of Christ, creating a new godly tradition that replaces aimless conduct with a legacy of faith, obedience, and devotion that endures beyond our lifetime.

In this last of the sermon series, Pastor Walker teaches us to live with a generational mindset so that His blessing is established and multiplied through the second and third generations as we work together across all ages.

#### **Psalm 78:1-8 NKJV**

Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

God Bless You!

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<u>Leader Heads-Up</u>: Attendance is not just about numbers; it is about people. Celebrate with those there, and look out for those who could not make it, reach out, and remind them they still belong.

# A. Start Talking: Prayer Drive

As we continue our prayer drive, share how you will intentionally raise your expectation to receive from God, knowing that He responds and prayer changes situations.

## **B.** Start Thinking

- 1. God wants His ways to get established to the Third Generation 2 Timothy 1:5 NKJV. In three different areas of your life, which generation are you in, and what is your role in ensuring God's ways remain established in all those areas?
- 2. Read Exodus 17:9-13 NKJV and Acts 2:17 NKJV. Share how the young and the older in the church can work side by side today to advance God's Kingdom and experience His blessing together.
- **3. Read Psalm 78:8 NKJV.** What attitudes or patterns from past generations do you need to let go of, and who in the next generation will you intentionally invest in to pass on what God has entrusted to you?

### C. Start Praying (Pray as a group during the meeting)

- Group Prayer: Pray that you will pass on God's Word and faith to the next generation, so that your family will set their hope in Him and obey His commandments. (Psalm 78:7 NKJV).
- 2. Pray for the Church: We value personal responsibility and service We pray that through the teaching of God's Word, every member will grow deeply in Christ. That the fruit of our transformed hearts overflow in love and grace, so that our lives tangibly impact our families, community, and world for Your glory. (Matthew 25:14-30; Matthew 20:26b-28 NKJV)

### D. Start Doing

- **1.** Break ungodly patterns from the previous generations in your family so that you do not repeat the rebellion that limited God's work.
- **2.** Learn and declare God's Word, His character, and His works so the next generation will place their hope in Him.
- **3.** Partner with both older and younger generations to fulfill God's purposes together, rather than excluding or competing with one another.
- **4.** Invest in faithful men and women who will carry the vision forward and teach others also.

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