

Genesis: Back to Obedience  
Leaving a Faith-filled Legacy  
Genesis 25:1-11

King Solomon said, “A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth” (Eccl. 7:1). We tend to think of this verse the way we think of owning a boat. We are told that the two happiest days for a boat owner is the day he buys it and the day he sells it. It is easy to forget the moments in between. Yes, there may be disappointment, but there may also be joy.

1. Legacy is established from a life of example.
2. Legacy is cultivated from a life of separation.
3. Legacy is delivered from a life of obedience.

There is only one Abraham in God’s great plan of redemption, but you and I have our tasks to perform in the will of God. Today, we are writing our obituary and preparing our last will and testament as far as our spiritual heritage and legacy are concerned. Are we making good preparations? Are we living by faith? Are we modeling worship through everyday obedience to Christ? Have we not only learned the secret of living by faith, but have we passed it on to those who will come after us? The eternity of the next generation is at stake.