

Title: Built to Last: Bridging Generations for Kingdom Development

Sermon Summary: This sermon emphasizes the importance of intergenerational relationships and passing on spiritual legacy within the church and families. The pastor stresses that building something that lasts requires investing in people, not just products. He challenges both older and younger generations to value each other, learn from one another, and persist in relationships even when it's difficult. The sermon critiques modern culture's tendency to prioritize material possessions and fleeting fame over family legacy and spiritual inheritance.

Key Points:

- Investing in the next generation is not just a church growth strategy, but a kingdom development strategy
- Both older and younger generations need to shift from competing to completing one another
- Persistence is the responsibility of the strong, which includes young people pursuing wisdom from elders
- We must value the person more than their position or what they can offer us
- God is both nurturing and disciplining, like a good parent
- True leadership and spiritual growth often come through perseverance in difficult times
- We should prefer the relationship with the mentor (the "man") over just wanting their gifting (the "mantle")
- Building something that lasts requires passing on values, wisdom, and faith to future generations

Scripture Reference:

- 1 Kings 19:15-21
- 2 Kings 2:1-14

Stories:

- The pastor's personal story about his father buying him inexpensive "Avia" shoes and learning to value practicality over brand names
- Anecdote about a young man crying over financial troubles and how older men in the church responded with both tough love and practical help
- The biblical narrative of Elijah passing his mantle to Elisha, used as an illustration of mentorship and spiritual succession