



Theme: Investing in Life
"Legacy Investing"

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VIDEO **Sermon Starter**

SLIDE **"Legacy Investing"**

Have you ever tried to learn something new later in life? Sometimes we try and learn new habits or new hobbies or discover a new faith as we get older. What we know is that what we learn when we are younger often sticks with us. We've been talking about this idea of investing in life because what we invest in with our time and our resources and our lives is what we end up focused on and in the end, what becomes most important to us. During this series I have been asking you the same question in multiple ways. It's a question that Jesus asks of us and we should all wrestle with every single day.

SLIDE **What matters most to us?**

Jesus asked what we treasure and the point was to get us thinking about the fact that our heart often follows what is most important to us and so we need to pay attention to where we are spending our energy and to what we are giving our time and our resources. I have shared with you a number of things that were a part of my life as a child that are no

longer things I spend time on, yet they still take up storage space in my garage. I brought my old train set the first weekend as well as a box of my kids' toys that I'm still holding on to. Today I thought I would share with you something that is still in a cardboard box that I have taken with me for 50 years!

GRAPHIC Leatherwork tools

GRAPHIC Leatherwork comb kit

GRAPHIC Leatherwork Comb Holder Completed

GRAPHIC Leatherwork Clutch Wallet

I spent a lot of time on projects like these making a wallet and a comb holder for Christmas for my parents. I got the tools out this week and remembered exactly how to use all of them because it was something I learned when I was a kid and that muscle memory sticks with me. We know that when we learn things early in life it makes a difference, and we also know that we can teach an old dog new tricks, but it is harder. We have stories in the Bible of teenagers like Samuel and David and even Jesus' learning faith and leadership skills early in life. We also have stories of Abraham and Paul who had life-changing experiences later in life and radically changed habits. The good news is that no matter how old or young we are, we can become different, and we can invest in the things that lead to life.

I found myself this week thinking about Moses, who we sometimes call the Prince of Egypt and who has several movies made about him. He was born to Jewish peasants who were worried about their ability to take care of him, so they put him in a reed basket and floated him down the river to Pharaoh's house. He was rescued and brought to the wife of pharaoh who raised him as her own and so he became a Prince of Egypt. He learned the Egyptian ways and was raised relatively spoiled until he became a young man.

Moses knows he is different and eventually his eyes are opened,

and he sees how the slaves are being treated. He realizes that he is really one of them and his heart goes out to them. He kills an Egyptian slave driver who is abusing workers and then flees Egypt to live in the wilderness for decades. Moses learns a new way of life shepherding goats until God taps him on the shoulder through a burning bush, and he must change everything again. Even though he can't speak well and he stutters, he is told to go back to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go.

VIDEO Moses' Journey on Google Maps

GRAPHIC Moses and Holy Land Still

Moses was likely born near Phoebe, likely the capital of Egypt during the time of his birth. This region is now on the Nile River. Later, the capital became Memphis and then Ramses in the land of Goshen, which is the Nile River Delta where it pours into the Mediterranean Sea. The Israelites slaves had mostly settled in this area at the time of Joseph.

Moses led the Hebrew people out of Egypt and crossed what was probably called the Reed Sea - now the location of the Suez Canal. They travelled down this edge of the Sinai Peninsula for about 100 miles until they headed inland to what tradition says is Mount Sinai. This is where Moses received his call from God in the burning bush. While the Israelites were camping in this valley below Mount Sinai, Moses went to the top and received the 10 Commandments. The children of Israel took three months to make this journey and then spent 11 months until they traveled east to either modern day Petra or (more likely) to a region south of that that we now call Kadesh-Barnea. They lived in this region for 38 years, just a few miles from the Promised Land, paralyzed by their fear.

As we move north, the children of Israel settled here after traveling around the area of the Moabites. The plains of Moab and Mount Nebo are where they lived as they could look across the Jordan River and see Jericho on the other side. The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, with the

Jordan River in between, form the eastern edge of the Promised Land. This is the area where Moses had been leading them over the last 40 years.

VIDEO King's Highway

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo Summit with Sign

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo Memorial to Moses

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo Serpentine Cross at Summit

I thought you might like to see some footage of what that journey looks like today. It goes along the Kings Highway, a major trade route in this region for the last 4000 years. We visited some of this on a previous trip to the Holy Land, where we see the highway the way the Romans would have paved it about 1200 years after the time of Moses. And its modern look today where it is still called the Kings Road. They would've traveled along the Dead Sea, complete with mineral deposits because nothing can live in this body, which is the lowest body of water in the world. They would've traveled through the area of Moab, coming to Mount Nebo. The valley below Mount Nebo is most likely where the Israelites camped, just before heading into the Promised Land. Moses addressed the throng of Israelites who had traveled the last 40 years together, and he gave them the words of the book of Deuteronomy. The entirety of Deuteronomy is composed of three speeches that Moses gave before he died. He headed to the top of Mount Nebo after this time of speaking and God took him to be with his ancestors, resting with them. There are three big ideas captured by Moses as he passes on his legacy.

SLIDE We must pass our faith on to our children.

Moses tells the Israelites they must pass their faith on to their children. Remember that the Israelites had escaped Egypt 40 years prior to this moment. Most of the adults who had escaped slavery died by the time they reached Mount Nebo. Many of those gathering in this place had lived their entire lives in the wilderness. They were young people

who had forgotten what it was like to be slaves in Egypt. Their children and their children's children were among those listening to Moses and they had never been slaves in Egypt. **Moses was afraid they would forget who they are and where they came from as they entered the Promised Land.** He is worried they will forget what God has done for them and so repeatedly, Moses tells them not to forget but to remember who they are and whose they are.

Moses recited the 10 Commandments again, went over the law and recited the history of their journeys. He then said this in Deuteronomy 6:

BIBLE *4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

BIBLE *20 "In the future your children will ask you, 'What is the meaning of these laws, decrees, and regulations that the Lord our God has commanded us to obey?'*

21 "Then you must tell them, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand.

The emphasis is on passing the faith on to their children and their children's children. **Any faith is always just one generation from extinction.** When parents stop teaching their children the faith, or grandchildren stop teaching their grandchildren faith, it disappears. Moses is imploring them to pass on to their children this faith they have carried with them as they have left slavery and bondage and now are

prepared to enter the Promised Land. **Moses wants them to remember who they are and whose they are.**

How many of you had a parent or grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle who shared the faith with you? They were someone who took an interest in making sure you knew about the Christian faith. **On the count of three, would you say out loud which family member or friend was the most influential?** You might say mother, father, grandmother, aunt or uncle or the name of a neighbor or friend. Let's say it together on the count of three.

I may not have understood or heard every name, but for most of us there was somebody who played a pivotal role. My mother is the one who took us to church and shared much of the faith with us, but when I was six years old it was my great-grandmother Grace Berry who came to be my nanny and was probably the most influential in my faith journey.

GRAPHIC Grandma Berry with Jeff and Shari

I shared a picture of her with you several weeks ago, but this one is from when she came to be my caregiver. I remember as a kid she brought with her a large package of napkins with scriptures imprinted on them and would say them before we ate every meal. **One of my favorites was Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."** She also read to me from these small children books different Bible stories like Samson and Zacchaeus. She reminded me on more than one occasion that God made me to love me and that became a core belief that still sits in my very being. I don't know where I would be were it not for the influence and the seeds that were planted by my great-grandmother.

When our kids were younger, we felt it was important to be sure they came to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and other places where faith would capture their hearts. We prayed with them at home and read them Bible stories. As I look back, I wish we had done more of that together. Our son chose his name, Thomas, from the Bible story

about doubting Thomas that we read to him in English while our translator translated for him in Ukraine. One of my favorite memories with my daughter is having her ride on the back of my bike when she was little as we would coast down large hills and as we picked up steam she would scream, **“I’m trusting God lots!”**

GRAPHIC Vika on bike

There also comes a point when our kids, as they grow up, especially around their teenage years, begin to wrestle with faith to make it their own. It’s especially hard when your dad is the pastor and you’re not sure you really want that faith anymore. Both our kids have dealt with the challenges of being the preacher’s kid and having to push against that, and I take great comfort in the Scripture from Proverbs 22:6.

BIBLE *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. (NIV)*

It doesn’t say that when they are teenagers, they won’t depart from it. All we can do as parents is plant seeds. Then we pray that our children will remember those moments when we prayed with them or shared a Bible story with them, or they experienced a person at church that shared faith with them that was deep and meaningful. What I know is that all our children and younger generations need something to stand on when they go through difficult times, which they will. What I see increasingly is people with nothing to hold onto during the storms of life, and that can bring a sense of hopelessness. **We pass on the faith not because we have it perfected and we have it all figured out, but we long to give our children something to hold onto when we no longer are around.**

When our children inevitably struggle with meaning and purpose in life, we want them to find that meaning and purpose in their faith. I want our children to know that even when they walk through the valley of the shadow of death, which they eventually will do, they don’t need to fear any evil because God is with us. **We want them to know the love**

of God which tells us the worst thing is never the last thing.

I worked full-time with youth for 10 years before I started doing what I do now. I think back to the hundreds of conversations I had with teenagers where we talked about faith and life. Every now and then I get a Facebook message from one of them starting with, **“Jeff, do you remember when?”** I got one of those messages this past year from a kid I thought for sure was not listening to a word I said throughout the three years I had him in the youth group. He stopped coming when he was a junior and I was pretty sure he was going to get into lots of trouble as a young man. He did, but then he came around and now he has children of his own. He was contacting me to find a church that he and his family could go to because he wanted to be sure his son heard about God the way he did when he was younger.

Sometimes, we have no idea if the words we say or the faith we share takes root, but that’s not really our job to make sure it gets through. That is the job of the Holy Spirit. All we can do is plant the seeds and give the rest back to God. However, we do need to plant the seeds and pass on this faith which has meant so much to us. I think the most powerful thing that we can do is be honest about our own faith journey and share it because no one can argue with our story. I do know that it usually doesn’t work to insist that other people, even our children, have the same faith as we do. I tell you often as your pastor that your faith, and your children’s faith, needs to be our own.

I often have heard a similar story from people who joined our church in their 50s or even 60s or 70s. They talk about having grown up in the faith and being taken the church but then rebelling in high school and college and never returning. They haven’t been to church for 30 or 40 years, but something happens in life, and they remember the voice of their parents urging them to remember. I read a story about a woman named Luanne who was in her 50s when her mother wrote her a letter and said, **“You have a beautiful house in a beautiful neighborhood. You have a beautiful husband and beautiful children and beautiful cars and**

a beautiful boat. But I think there is something really big missing in your life. I see a huge hole. I think you need God.”

Luanne got angry because her mother was still trying to control her life, even though she was a grown woman with her own kids. Then, her mother passed away, and she went back and read all the letters from her mother that she had saved. Luanne realized her mother was right and that she needed God. She returned to church and found a faith that was deep and rich and carried her through not just the loss of her mother but many other moments in life, both highs and lows.

Let me ask you a question. The children who are in your sphere of influence, either your own children or your grandchildren or nieces or nephews or the children or youth in our ministries here at church, what are you doing to pass the faith on to them? Christianity is just one generation away from extinction, and the good news is meant to be shared in a loving and caring way from generation to generation.

Moses had a sense of urgency because he was about to die. He wanted to be sure that faith was passed on to their children. He was worried they would forget the Lord, who God is and what God has done for them. Fifteen times in Deuteronomy he commanded them to remember the Lord and what God has done for them. Here’s one of those moments in Deuteronomy 8. Moses knows they are going to experience prosperity in the Promised Land and have three car garages and boats.

BIBLE *12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, 13 and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! 14 Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.*

17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’ 18

Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

Why is Moses afraid they will forget? When do most people pray more? **Do we pray when things are really hard or when life is going well?** When things are hard, we end up on our knees, asking God for relief and deliverance. We want to know if God is even there. We don't know if we believe in God, but if God is there, we want help!

But, when things are going well, we tend to forget, don't we? We wander away and we don't think we need church or faith or religion. We think we can do it on our own, with our own strength and energy. We don't pray very much when things are going well, and we don't open our Bibles because we don't see the need. When things are going well, we don't seek God's guidance. Look how well I'm doing in my career! Look at what I have achieved! Look at my beautiful family and my beautiful house and my beautiful cars and my beautiful boat and my beautiful mountains! We start thinking it's all about us because we are smart and gifted and things are going well.

Do we really think all those gifts belong to us and they didn't come from somewhere else? We easily forget, and this was the history of Israel. The entire Hebrew Bible is the story of people who have things going well for them and they give thanks to God. This happens long enough that they forget God, fall away from Him and soon they make bad decisions. They get in trouble and find themselves in conflict with serious problems, with pain or oppression. They cry out to God, **"God, please forgive us! Help us! Save us!"** They experienced deliverance from God and once more things go well, and after a time of things going well again, they begin to forget and fall away from God. They find themselves in trouble and they cry out to God, and eventually they are restored. Once more, things go well for a while and then the following from God again. Do you see the pattern?

SLIDE **I need God, I pray, Life gets better, I forget about God...**

Have you ever experienced this pattern in your own life? This is how it happens in our lives sometimes. Moses tells them that when they go to the Promised Land, he will not be with them, so don't forget the God who saved you from slavery in Egypt. Moses gives them a verse in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 which is the most important in all of Scripture and one that Jesus tells us is the most important verse in the entire Hebrew Bible. It's called the Shema Israel. This was the focal verse for one of the Vacation Bible School experiences we did with children several years ago. We had them make a Mezuzah, which was used by the Hebrews to hold this Scripture on their doorpost. I have one that I purchased in the holy land. You would roll up this Scripture from Deuteronomy and place it inside of the Mezuzah.

GRAPHIC Mezuzah

Let's say it together.

BIBLE ***4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."***

When you walk out your door as a faithful Hebrew, you would touch the Mezuzah to remember your mission when you walk out the door, which is to remember God and to love God with everything that is within you. When you arrive home, you would touch the mezuzah on the way in your house and remember your mission that day was to love God. The first words that are meant to be on the lips of a faithful Jew every morning are these words. The last words to say in prayer before you go to sleep at night were to be these words. A faithful Jew desires to say these words as their final ones before they take their last breath.

What did Jesus call that commandment? When he was asked what the greatest commandment was, he quoted this one. Jesus put it this way in Matthew 22:37. Let's say it together again.

BIBLE ***“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”***

Do you know this is our mission in life? We were created by God to be loved by God. God made us to be recipients of God’s love and God longs for us to reciprocate that love with our heart, soul, mind and strength. Moses reminded the people of Israel, and it’s a good reminder for us today, that we were created for this and not to forget.

Eventually, Moses reminds the people of Israel that if they do God’s will and obey God’s commandments and hold fast to the Lord, things will go well and they will find blessings, even in hardship. Because, even in hardship and difficult times, if we hold fast to God, we discover that God is present. But Moses warns them, if they turn away from God and forget God’s commandments and don’t love God or our neighbor, we find things will be difficult for us and we will feel hopeless and alone and isolated. We will find pain oppression. He ends with these powerful words in Deuteronomy 30.

BIBLE ***19 “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! 20 You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.”***

We were made to hold fast to God and choose life. Moses comes to the end of his life, and this is a powerful message because he will walk to the top of Mount Nebo and get to see the promised land, but he won’t get to enter. We didn’t get to Mount Nebo on this last trip to the Holy Land, but several years ago I led a trip, and we went into Jordan and visited Petra. On our way, we were able to go to the top of Mount Nebo. I thought I would take you to Mount Nebo so you can see this region and what it looks like.

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo from distance

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo Road

GRAPHIC Mount Nebo Desert

This is Mount Nebo from a distance which looks lush and green from this direction, but in the direction of this camera it is desert like. You can see what it looks like as we look towards the Dead Sea. You will find at the top of this mountain a piece of artwork depicting the staff becoming a serpent that Moses held to keep people from being harmed. There is a church that was built around the fourth century and then rebuilt in the fifth and sixth century. When we stand on the edge of Mount Nebo, we see the view that Moses saw before he died, as he looked over the Promised Land, with the Jordan River Valley barely visible in the foreground.

Tradition tells us that the Lord took Moses from this place and buried him where no one, even to this day, knows the exact location. I remind you that Moses' driving vision his entire second half of life has been leading people to this place, so they might enter the Promised Land. Remember that when Moses heard the voice of God from the burning bush, he heard these words we read in Exodus 3:

BIBLE *7 Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey..."*

Moses had never seen this land and didn't know what it looked like until this moment, at the end of his life. Moses spent 40 years leading the people to this place. I'm reminded of the great quote on leadership I've heard on several occasions; that the task of the leader is to take people from here to there. **Our job as leaders is to convince people that**

we can't stay here, and we must go there. This was the job of Moses for the last 40 years of his life. He had to convince the Hebrew people that there was something wrong with being in slavery so he could take them there, to the Promised Land. The people were not free and God longed for them to experience freedom to fully worship God and love God and know who they are and whose they are. God warned them it would be a hard journey and difficult, but there would be a land flowing with milk and honey.

Moses kept casting the vision, and he continued to inspire and motivate people to accomplish the vision. He gave them tools and helped them find direction and sometimes he kicked them in the rear end to get them to go. He did this for 40 years. I can guarantee that he was tired and that there were at least two occasions where **he asked for God to kill him** because he was tired of the whining and complaining he endured from the people along the journey. Even when he felt like giving up, God restored his vision for the Promised Land. It's going to be great and wonderful and Moses continued to carry that vision forward to a land flowing with milk and honey.

We might think it is mean for God to take Moses to the very edge of this thing and allow him to look at it and then say, **"Psych, you don't get to go in!"** But I think this story points to something deeper. I think Moses understood, deep down inside, that the Promised Land was more than simply 8,500 mi.² that we call the modern state of Israel. It wasn't just the land on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean. I think Moses understood the Promised Land was a place where people could worship and enjoy freedom. It was a place where they could serve God and love God and love their neighbor as they love themselves. It was a place where justice would roll down like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. It was a place where paradise was restored and people were no longer broken, but they were living into what it means to be authentically human. I think Moses had a picture of the Promised Land which was far more than the physical location of the nation of Israel. For

us, the Promised Land is really a vision that we give our lives to. Jesus had a different name for it. The Kingdom of God, which was a kingdom different from this world.

SLIDE Investing in the Kingdom of God

Everything Jesus lived, taught, and preached was meant to reflect the Kingdom of God, the reign of God, which is now and not yet. The idea is that God would **live and rule in our hearts**, transforming us so we might live with hope and live the way God intended for human beings to live. God ruling in our hearts means that we learn to **love our neighbor as we love ourselves**, and we **pray for those who persecute** us, and we **love even our enemies**. It's about **doing unto others** as we would have them do unto us. It's about **practicing forgiveness and mercy**, even if others don't practice it towards us. It's about seeing someone who is hungry or thirsty or sick or imprisoned and stopping to help them, without offering judgment. **Investing in the Kingdom of God is about giving ourselves away and not demanding our way**. This is what Jesus talked about as the Kingdom of God.

Jesus made it clear that the Kingdom of God is not necessarily a place but **starts within us**. We pray every weekend in worship, and hopefully every day, these words are about the Kingdom. Let's say them together.

SLIDE Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

We are meant to work towards that vision and invest in that vision because it's the driving passion of Jesus, a vision that Jesus is willing to die for. This is the ultimate legacy that Jesus wants to leave us, and he wants us to be part of by investing in it. Let me ask you a profound question.

SLIDE Do we have a picture of the Promised Land?

Over and above the short-term goals we might have at work or

whatever is happening at this time in our lives, do we have a picture in our mind that we can work towards for the rest of our lives? Do we understand what our life is really about and realize it's bigger than our job?

Next weekend is All Saints weekend. We think of it as Halloween on October 31, or All Hallows Eve, but it started as a day to remember those who have invested in us, the saints who have gone before. I think about the number of times I have sat with people at the end of their life, looking back and reflecting on what they had given their life to. The end of our lives is meant to give us pause to take those moments as holy and remember that just like Moses, we look back and we look forward. My prayer is that each of us, when we get to that moment in our lives, have given ourselves to something bigger.

When I was in 6th grade, we had to choose a historical figure on which to do a report. I am not sure why, but I chose the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Doing that report influenced me as I listened to some of his sermons and many of those words still stick with me today. The last sermon that Dr. King preached before he died is one that most of us have heard words from AND are taken from this legacy moment in the life of Moses. Dr. King was in Memphis, Tennessee fighting for a living wage for sanitation workers. He wasn't feeling very well that night, but they were counting on him to show up and preach. The next day, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, he was gunned down, which made this sermon at that moment even more poignant. Let's listen again to how he talked about the Promised Land.

VIDEO Martin Luther King Mountaintop Sermon

What is your vision of the Promised Land? What is it that you are willing to give yourself to? What is the pearl of great price or the greatest treasure? What is the thing for which, from this point forward until the last day you breathe your breath, you will be striving for? Please tell me it's not a Tesla or Hummer! Please tell me it's not a four or five car

garage! Please tell me the great vision of your life is not simply to have a title in front of your name in the workplace or a certain amount of money in your bank account when you retire!

The Promised Land is something so much bigger. The Promised Land is that for which you were created as human beings. It's what Jesus called the Kingdom of God. It is meant to live in our hearts, so when we wake up every morning, we realize we are on a mission. We realize that God made us to love us and now we are meant to share that with the world as we look for those who need to hear that word of hope, that message of the good news. Where can we share the word of blessing? Where can we see injustice in the world and do something about it? Where do we share kindness and mercy because that is what helps lead people to repentance? How do we follow Jesus every day and live into the vision statement for this church? If you call this your church home, would you say this together with me?

SLIDE We are called to be Jesus Christ to the world!

We are called to love God with our entire heart, soul, mind and strength. We are called to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. When this becomes our driving vision in life, we will eventually make it to the Promised Land. We will taste it here and now, in moments or glimpses. Then, on our deathbed, when it is time to leave this life, we hear the words of Jesus saying, **“Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and see and enter into your rest.”** It is then we get to experience the fullness of the Promised Land.

The story of Moses and his legacy encourage us to share our faith with our children and future generations. We are called to remember who we are and not forget that we belong to God, remembering what God has done for us. We are to remember the Lord and love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength. We hold fast to his commands and love, having a worthy vision for our lives. We are called to have a vision of the Promised Land which we give our lives to now, for the rest of our

days, and into eternal life with God.

Thanks be to God for the legacy of Moses. Let's pray.

SLIDE Prayer

As we bow our heads and close our eyes, I would invite us to think about those children in future generations over which we have influence in our lives. They may be our kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, your neighbor's kids or children and youth in our Sunday school or youth ministries. In the quiet, would you pray for each of them binding and pray something like this...

"God, help me to pass on my faith to..."

Because all of us have been prone to wander and leave the God we love, and you come to God with a prayer in your own words that might sound something like this...

"God, please forgive me for the times I have forgotten you, wandered away from you, fallen away from you. Wash me clean and make me new..."

Finally, I invite us to pray to God something like this ...

"Lord, give me a vision of the Promised Land, the Kingdom of God. Help me to give myself to following you and being the presence of Jesus Christ in the world. Offer yourself to God in a moment of quiet prayer now if you would..."

Thank you, God for the legacy of Moses. We pray that we might love you with our heart, soul, mind and strength. We pray that we might walk out of the door of our home every day, carrying these words. Maybe the first words on our mind and heart in the morning, offering ourselves to you. May these words be the last words before we sleep at night. May our dying wish on our deathbed be that we have loved you with our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Help us as your people and as a church to pass on the faith and

invest in future generations. May we hold fast to you and live out our faith in the world so this community around us looks more like your Kingdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.

October 25-26 Order

1. Maddie welcomes people.
2. Song: "Firm Foundation"
3. Song: "A Thousand Hallelujahs"
4. Jeff welcomes people:
 - a. QR Code and Connect Card
 - b. Invite people to greet each other, however comfortable and be seated.
5. Sermon
6. Offering (**Columbarium and Baptisms**)
7. (Saturday night baptisms of Ava and Mia Fry, parents are Dominik and Kristi.)
8. Med Moments
9. Song: "Worthy of It All"
10. Prayer and Lord's Prayer
11. Care Ministers
12. Connect with Us
13. Reminder that Daylight Savings Time is next weekend – FALL BACK!
14. Closing Prayer