

FAMILY PORTRAITS!

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Passing the Baton of Faith!

Deuteronomy 5:32-6:2, 4-9 NIV

Dr. James Dobson, "I believe the most valuable contribution a parent can make to his child is to instill in him genuine faith in God."

1 Timothy 4:12b NIV

A miscalculation, hesitation or dropping of the spiritual baton could cost generations of people.

Bob Russell, "Adult Christians must take seriously the biblical command to 'pass on the baton of faith' to the next generation...to drop the baton is to lose the race!"

We can't afford to drop the baton of faith! Our kid's eternity is at stake!
Judges 2:8, 10-12 NIV

How do we successfully pass the baton of our faith on to the next generation? I believe by three ways!

By FOCUSING on the finish line! Are we?

What we do now, in this life, echoes into eternity!

L.I.F.E. Living Is For Eternity! I definitely want my kids with me in eternity! You?

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

Deuteronomy 6:5 NIV

What exactly is our life revealing that we are focusing upon? Is it God or things of this world?

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

By HOLDING the baton of faith ourselves! Are we?

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 NIV

Before we can pass the baton of our faith in Jesus on to our kids, we must personally have and hold on to the baton of faith ourselves! How? Deuteronomy 5:32-6:25 answers.

Are we personally holding on to the baton of faith ourselves or have we dropped it? What needs to change?

By PASSING on the baton of our faith! Are we?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7a NIV MEMORY VERSE

If we're not passing our faith in God on to our kids what exactly are we passing on to them?

1 Timothy 4:12b NIV

Live by example! Be Jesus! Pass on the baton of our faith to our kids and grandkids! Are we?

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'So What?' Challenge: Reflect–Respond–Reach Out–Retell!

THE 'SO WHAT' CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children." Deuteronomy 6:6-7a NIV

REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1) What one point personally stood out from the message and why?

2) Read Deut. 5:32-6:9 & 1 Timothy 4:12. How do we pass our faith on to the next generation? Cite examples.

3) What exactly is our life revealing that we are focusing upon? Is it God or things of this world?

4) Are we personally holding on to the baton of faith ourselves or have we dropped it? What needs to change?

5) If we're not passing our faith in God on to our kids what exactly are we passing on to them?

6) Are we living by example and passing on our faith in Jesus to the next generation? If not, why?

7) Review the 3 ways to pass on our faith. Which one stood out and why? How are they connected?

RESPOND

What personal response and/or possible life change do you have to what you have heard?

REACH OUT

In regards to what has been revealed to you, what intentional action can you take this week to impact someone else for Christ?

RETELL

Share how God has worked in you and through you with someone else – in personal conversation, in your Life Group or at c3ocala.com/retell.