

7TH DIMENSION: 3 LEVELS (LEGACY)

LOVE LEAVES A LEGACY

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Rooted in establishing God's covenant, mentoring successors, and securing the faith of the next generation.

Genesis 6:16 (NIV)

Make lower, middle and upper **DECKS**.

Noah did not just build something for the next generation. He built the next generation into what God told him to build

1. BUILD THE BOAT BEFORE THE RAIN COMES

Matthew 24:37 (AMP)

For the coming of the Son of Man (the Messiah) will be just like the days of Noah.

Noah lived in a generation moving in the wrong direction, but God gave him a blueprint.

God did not say, "Noah, **SURVIVE** the generation." God said, "**BUILD**." Legacy prepares before the need becomes urgent. We develop leaders before the vacancy, transition, crisis, or succession moment arrives.

2. THE ARK WAS A LEGACY VEHICLE

Genesis 6:18 (NIV)

But I will establish my covenant (promise) with you ... you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

Noah's obedience had generational consequences.

The ark was not only designed to survive the storm; it carried a generation through the storm.

Noah did not just build a **BOAT**; he saved the **NEXT GENERATION**.

3. THREE LEVELS — THREE GENERATIONS

Genesis 6:16 gives us a compelling picture of generational ministry: lower, middle, and upper decks.

LEVEL	GENERATIONAL FOCUS	LEADERSHIP RESPONSE
LOWER	Those who came before us	<u>HONOUR</u>
MIDDLE	Those building now	<u>STEWARD</u>
UPPER	Those coming after us	<u>MENTOR & RELEASE</u>

4. LOWER DECK — HONOUR WHAT CAME BEFORE

Hebrews 13:7 NIV

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Someone prayed, sacrificed, believed, and built before us. We are standing on somebody's faith.

Legacy begins with HONOUR.

5. MIDDLE DECK — STEWARD WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND

The tragedy would be to receive from the generation beneath us and build nothing above us.

We are not OWNERS of the move of God; we are STEWARDS of it.

6. UPPER DECK — MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

The most powerful gift to an emerging leader is often not a platform but **ACCESS**.

We are not merely called to give them our CHURCHES; we are called to give them our FAITH.

7. MENTORING — TAKE THEM BY THE HAND

Mentoring is not shouting instructions from the middle deck.

“Christian mentorship can be defined as an emphatic relationship where a mature adult through compassionate care provides a safe space for a younger person to grow personally and in ministry through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.”

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8. SUCCESSION — THE UPPER DECK BECOMES THE MIDDLE DECK

One day the next generation becomes the present generation. Today's successor becomes tomorrow's mentor. Noah built before the rain. Healthy succession also begins before the transition.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

And the things you have heard me say ... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

PAUL → TIMOTHY → RELIABLE PEOPLE → OTHERS

Biblical legacy is not merely passing something once; it is creating a culture that keeps passing it.

9. LOVE IS THE MOTIVE — BUILD THEM INTO IT

LOVE BUILDS • LOVE MENTORS • LOVE EMPOWERS • LOVE RELEASES • LOVE MULTIPLIES • LOVE LEAVES A LEGACY

INSECURITY BUILDS MONUMENTS TO ITSELF.

LOVE BUILDS PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE.

10. MY 30-DAY LEGACY ACTION PLAN

ACTION	PERSON / TEAM	BY WHEN

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

The person I will intentionally invest in: _____

The opportunity I will create for them: _____

The knowledge / faith / responsibility I will transfer: _____

My first practical step after Connect26: _____

“WHAT GOD PUT IN ME WILL NOT END WITH ME.”