

DAY 35

A Legacy to Leave

Those who have insight will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens,
and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:3

Leadership Affirmation

Father, with the aged Apostle John, I proclaim, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Seventeen years ago, Alisha and I were engaged to be married. In preparation for our new life, we built a house. I drew the blueprints for it. I was the general contractor on it. I worked on the framing crew that I brought in. Eventually, after we got it dried in, I did all the plumbing, electrical, sheetrock, and everything else. I invested my time and gifts in building a house.

When we got married, Alisha moved in. She made it a home. She picked out furniture and decorated it. The most important thing she brought to it was love and joy. We didn't think a lot about it then, but we were building something that was bigger than us.

A couple of years later, we assembled the first crib in the back bedroom and decorated a nursery. We brought a brand-new baby home and put him in that nursery. Not long after that, we did the same thing in the other bedroom. As the boys grew, we played with them on their little mat in the living room. We watched them learn to walk on those floors. We sat around the dining room table and talked and laughed.

The hardest thing I've ever had to do was to sell that house when God called us into the ministry. The blueprints for it are framed and hanging in our bedroom. They're a constant reminder to me that we were building something then, and we are building something now that's more than a house. We're building a legacy. We're building something that will outlive us.

God called us to go, so we went. That's the legacy I want to leave behind. After I'm gone, I want boys to be able to say, "My dad loved Jesus so much that he dedicated his entire life to becoming what Jesus wanted him to be." What are you building? What are you leaving behind? What will your legacy be?

Prayer for Protection

Sovereign Lord, please deliver me from entering Your presence with none to testify they heard about Jesus and His Atoning Death, Burial, and Resurrection from my lips during their time on earth.