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- Last letter by Paul
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- A “Transfer of Leadership” letter to Timothy



2 Questions

- Will the “ownership” generation trust enough to entrust the leadership to the next generation?

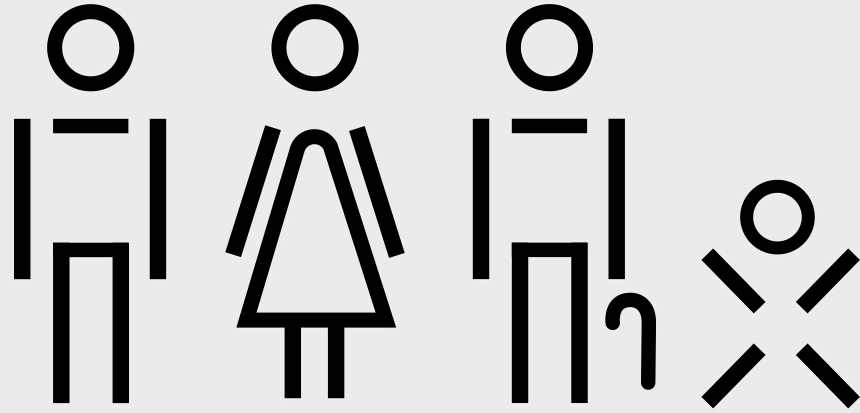


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2 Questions

- Will the “ownership” generation trust enough to entrust the leadership to the next generation?
- Will the “next” generation own the original vision of Jesus?





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Confidence

- Not in the environment in which the church will be situated.



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- Not in the environment in which the church will be situated.
- Not in political solutions



Confidence

- Not in the environment in which the church will be situated.
- Not in political solutions
- Not in Timothy!



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Confidence

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.*



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In keeping with
For the furthering of..



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Promise

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Promise

Thinking right about words:

- Not: “What does this word mean to me?”



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Thinking right about words:

- Not: “What does this word mean to me?”
- But: “What does this word me for me in light of what it meant to the original author?”



Promise

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according to the **promise** of life that is in Christ Jesus.*



Promise

*Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from every day life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. The **promises** were spoken to Abraham and to his seed.*



Promise

*Scripture does not say 'and to seeds,' meaning many people, but 'and to your seed,' meaning one person, who is Christ. What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the **promise** .*



Promise

*For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the **promise**; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a **promise** .*



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Promise

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained!



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A key question to control our self-evaluation ...

Do people feel this as a place of “promise”



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Assignment...

Affirm someone for being a person of promise



Promise

So ... “What is our promise?”



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Life

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Life

Jesus answered, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Not one comes to the Father except through me."



Life

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”



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John 10:10

Life

What's your Life-Robber?



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“Trapped, suffocated and fed up. Why more & more women are no longer afraid to admit they hate being a mom.”



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John 10:10

Life

bios



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James Edward, “Life in 3 Dimensions”

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Life as Quantity



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“Life (psyche) is more than food, and the body is more than clothing” (Jesus: Matthew 6:25)

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Life

This is eternal life (zoe), that they might know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent.



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John 17:3

Life

This is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life (zoe), and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has this life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have this life”



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Jesus ... the One ...

- By whom true life is measured
- In whom true life exist
- From whom true life flows



Empowerment

For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.



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The power of his mind in us



The Big Question?

- Am I living in the promise of life in Jesus?
- Are you living out the promise of life in Jesus?

