

CAN WE TALK?

PRECEPT

Psalm 145:4

⁴“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.”

PROMISE

The reality is that there's a real gap between generations — not just in age, but in values, experiences, and how we view life. It's not just affecting families; it's also affecting our faith because, as the gap grows wider, the voice of influence grows weaker. The problem is not that one generation is right and the other generation is wrong, but that we criticize the next generation, which is often the result of the world in which they were raised. Every generation has something to offer, and every generation has something to overcome; strengths to offer and weaknesses to overcome. God's plan was never for one generation to experience Him and for the next generation to figure it out on their own. We are to intentionally tell, teach, and model God's faithfulness to the next generation. You are the link to the next generation. When one generation fails to share God, the next generation begins searching for identity elsewhere. We are not just called to follow God. We are called to pass on our faith to the next generation.

Model a real relationship with God. Let them see your faith in everyday life. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Let them see you pray, and not just hear you say it. They're watching—even when you think they're not.

Open honest conversations. Create a safe space for questions and struggles. James 1:19 tells, “Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” If they can't talk to you, they'll talk to the world. Connection doesn't happen by accident—it's intentional.

Demonstrate grace and truth. Respond like Jesus—full of both. John 1:14 notes, “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Truth without grace pushes people away, but grace with truth draws them in.

Engage their world. Understand their culture instead of rejecting it. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” You can't guide what you refuse to understand. Influence starts with interest.

Lead by example consistently. Live what you believe daily. 1 Corinthians 11:1 tells, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” Your example is their Bible. Your life, your actions, are the loudest message they will ever hear.

Don't just think about your generation, but think about the next one. When we take an interest in the next generation, we don't lose our influence—we multiply it. Philippians 2:4 says, “Don't look out only for your own (Generation's) interests, but take an interest in others (Generations), too.” When we live this out, we build bridges instead of barriers, we raise disciples instead of just managing behaviours. Connection grows, faith deepens, and generations walk together with God. Let's not be the generation that complains about the next, but let's be the generation that invests in them. Let's not just talk about God; instead, show them what it looks like to walk with Him because teaching only informs, but modelling transforms.

PRACTICE

- 1. Model.** What are some practical steps you need to take to model Christlikeness to different generations?
- 2. Between generations.** What are some struggles/ways to bridge the gap in your family or community? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Life Worship

- May they continue to wholeheartedly serve God and His people.

II. Life Kids

- Pray for more volunteers and for our children to encounter God.

III. Ministries

- Pray that God will continue to equip our ministries.

IV. Life Link

- Pray that our ushers will serve our brethren filled with the Holy Spirit.

V. Service

- Pray that we may serve God and His people faithfully and proclaim His truth.

VI. Life Line

- Pray that we foster genuine connection through our social media postings.

VII. Life Sports

- Thank God for the gift of sports.