

Don't Hide the Story

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BIG IDEA

Spiritual memory turns inherited faith into generational trust—so we choose to be architects who build for those “yet to be born,” not tenants who merely consume what others built.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Psalms 78:4,6-7

1. Psalm 78:4 says, “We will not hide... we will tell.” What makes a church (or a family) tempted to hide the story, even unintentionally?
2. According to Psalm 78:7, what are the consequences when a generation forgets God’s deeds? What does the text connect forgetting to, and why does that matter?
3. Where do you see yourself drifting into a “tenant” mindset spiritually—more critique than contribution, more consumption than construction? Apply this personally and as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.
4. What “praiseworthy deeds of the Lord” have you personally witnessed that need to be told clearly to the next generation? Name one concrete story.
5. Psalm 78 assumes a multi-generation chain (parents to children to “children yet to be born”). What practices help you store and share spiritual memory so it doesn’t die with one season of leaders?
6. What is one sacrifice someone else made that you are currently benefiting from—at church, in your family, or in your own formation? How does acknowledging that reshape your gratitude and responsibility?
7. When leadership changes, what tends to change first in people: trust, expectations, or engagement? Why do you think Psalm 78 makes “trust” central?
8. If the “baton” is spiritual memory plus spiritual responsibility, what would it look like for you to pick it up this year in a specific role—serving, giving, mentoring, praying, or inviting?
9. The story of the early church families choosing noisy ministry over comfortable quiet highlights a values decision. What comfort might God be asking you to lay down for the sake of someone else’s future faith?
10. Imagine a person in 2050 thanking God for something you helped build. What do you want that to be—and what is one step you can take in the next 7 days to start building it?