



The 4 Season Legacy Family PathwaySM

LEGACY FAMILIES...RAISING GENERATIONS OF FAITH AND BLESSING

Every family wants to leave a legacy—something that outlives them and blesses those who follow

The **Pathway** is a step-by-step, grace-filled guide for shaping future generations—whether you're newly married, raising young children, navigating the teen years, or stepping into grandparenting. Your story may feel beautiful, broken, or a mix. But because God is faithful, you can start where you are—trusting He will meet you in today's family dynamics—and help you build a future marked by blessing and strength

Through this **Pathway**, you'll learn how to establish a simple family model, create a rhythm of reflection and renewal, and intentionally pass on your values and faith

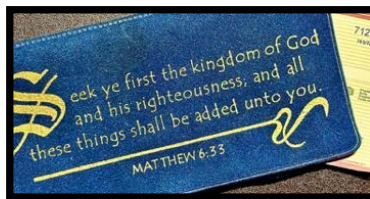


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What is it? Who is it for? Why now? How does it work?

Every family longs to leave something behind—something more than possessions or accomplishments. Scripture is filled with the passing of faith, identity, and purpose from one generation to the next. Abraham blessed Isaac. Isaac blessed Jacob. Jacob blessed his sons and grandsons—reminding them who they were and who they could become under God’s hand. From the beginning, God’s design has always been generational.

A few years ago, as I approached my eightieth birthday, I began thinking about how I might offer a lasting blessing to my family. I hear so much in my pastoral ministry about “intergenerational dysfunction” and “generational curses,” and I wanted to challenge that narrative with something better — a spoken, Scripture–anchored blessing that could shape hearts even after I was gone.



As I reflected, one verse kept rising to the surface: “*Seek first the Kingdom of God...*” (Matthew 6:33). It had become a life verse for both my wife and me — an often referred to compass for our priorities when life felt complex. We wove it into how we raised our children, posted it in our home, highlighted it in our Bibles, printed it on the cover of our checkbook, and kept it in front of us in everyday ways so God’s Word could actively shape our family’s values and decisions. Looking back, I know many of those moments we made choices that were intentional, and Biblically informed, but we didn’t fully grasp their long-term impact. Those reflections began to reveal a pattern ... a rhythm ... a kind of family **M**odel rooted in Scripture and lived experience. In the Summer of 2023, our children and grandchildren gathered in a beautiful log cabin for a family reunion in Kentucky’s Red River Gorge. One evening, seated together, I shared our story; gratitude to God for His incredible blessings and provision over our entire married life.

I also introduced them to a book I created that traced those amazing blessings in a pictorial format. It served not just as a history of the past, but as confirmation of God's faithfulness and affirmation for the future. Then I honored our son and son-in-law as the next spiritual leaders of our family and I passed the **M**antle of leadership to them. It was tender. Holy. Unforgettable.

In the weeks that followed, both men shared how deeply it impacted them. Today, the men in our family all carry keychains engraved with *Matthew 6:33*, and the women wear pendant necklaces with the same verse — daily reminders that legacy is not a moment, but a shared calling that continues from generation to generation.

Out of that experience, **The 4 Season Legacy Family PathwaySM** was born. It is anchored in a simple yet powerful conviction: **Legacy Families** understand that God desires to build generational faith across every kind of family unit: two-parent, single-parent, blended, adoptive, or foster — where generational values, faith, and traditions are intentionally shaped.

Woven throughout Scripture is God's clear intention for generational legacy: parents **M**odeling Godliness, **M**olding character, older generations **M**entoring the younger, with the **M**antle of family leadership and blessing being purposefully passed from one generation to the next. Sadly, in today's culture, many families drift through these seasons without a clear, Biblical framework to guide them — leaving a profound opportunity for intentional legacy unrealized.

The 4 Seasons of Family Life

From the opening pages of Scripture, God establishes the family as central to His design. He designed it to nurture faith, form character, and pass blessing from one generation to the next. Before nations, kings, or governments existed, God established the family (*Genesis 1–2*), and He entrusted parents and grandparents with the responsibility of sharing with the next generation the knowledge of who God is and how a relationship with Him can be the anchor and greatest opportunity of family life. (*Deuteronomy 6:5–9; Psalms 78:1–7*)

A central theme throughout Scripture is the passing of legacy through **Family Blessing**. It became a much sought after expression of identity, affirmation, and spiritual covering. Abraham blessed Isaac (*Genesis 25:5*). Isaac blessed Jacob (*Genesis 27*). Jacob blessed his children and grandchildren (*Genesis 48–49*). Moses blessed Israel (*Deuteronomy 33*). Jesus blessed children and placed His hands on them (*Mark 10:16*). I realized that a family legacy through an act of blessing was not an empty ritual; instead, it was a transfer of faith, hope, and identity from one generation to the next.

That Biblical pattern also included the passing of the family leadership Mantle. Examples are seen when Elijah placed his Mantle on Elisha (*1Kings 19:19*), when Moses commissioned Joshua (*Deuteronomy 31:7–8*), and again when Paul entrusted Timothy with the Gospel (*2 Timothy 2:1–2*).

To help families remember and reclaim the timeless rhythms of generational faith in a rapidly changing world, **The 4 Season Legacy Family PathwaySM** was created. It is a simple design yet rich in Biblical wisdom and lived experience. It offers a grace-filled way forward for every family and every season of family life from the first days of parenting to the sacred years of grandparenting. It invites families to live out their faith intentionally and shape lasting values together.

Anchored in four seasons — Model, Mold, Mentor, and Mantle — it reflects the reality that a parent's role evolves over time, much like the seasons themselves mature and change.



SPRING – a season to MODEL faith and values when children are young.

Parents prepare the soil of their home and plant seeds of faith, values, and vision that becomes the Model that will guide generations to come.

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6



SUMMER – a season to MOLD character as children grow and question.

Parents embrace the daily work of nurturing what was planted by Molding character through the daily experiences of teen life by nurturing hearts with truth, Modeling faith and guarding young minds as God brings growth.

“These commandments... impress them on your children.” –Deuteronomy 6:6–7

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:6 (see John 4:38 below)



AUTUMN – a season to MENTOR with humility as influence replaces authority.

Parents gradually release control and strengthen trust as they shift from directing to guiding. By Mentoring their emerging adult children with humility and wisdom, they prepare the relational bridge that will one day welcome them as trusted grandparents and spiritual encouragers in the lives of the next generation.

“Blessed is the one... whose roots go deep into the stream.” — Jeremiah 17:7–8



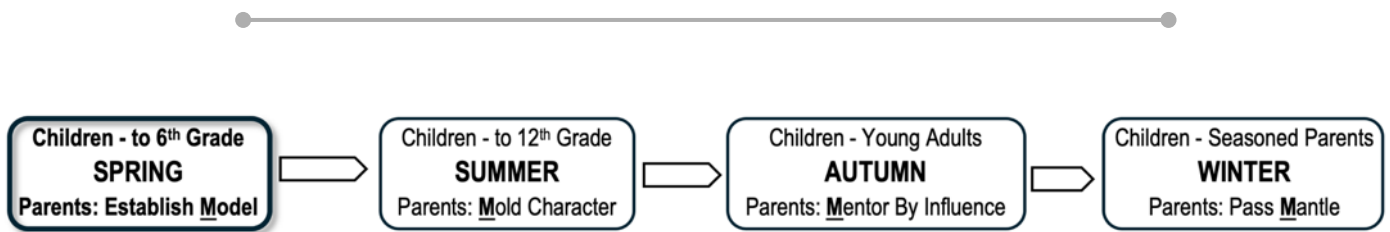
WINTER – a season to pass the MANTLE as faith and leadership move to the next generation.

Parents, now becoming grandparents, celebrate God's faithfulness across the years as they intentionally bless, encourage, and entrust spiritual leadership to those who follow. As the Mantle is passed and grandchildren begin to appear, the seeds of faith planted long ago begin to bear fruit — and the quiet preparation for a new Spring begins, unfolding God's design for an ever-expanding network of **Legacy Families**.

“One generation will declare Your works to the next.” — Psalm 145:4

***Scripture presents LEGACY not as a sad ending,
but as a passing on of God's covering,
His favor and His work to the next generation.***

You may be newly married, raising young children, navigating the teen years, or watching the horizon of grandparenting come into view — but the invitation remains the same: it is never too early, and rarely too late, to build, realign, or reinforce a God-honoring legacy for generations to come. **The Pathway** is intentionally designed to meet families in their present season and real-life dynamics. Whether you are building on a strong foundation, desiring renewed direction or seeking a fresh starting point, it offers a grace-filled way to move forward with purpose, faith, and hope.



The Pathway’s Starting Point

ALL FAMILIES BEGIN HERE:

SPRING – a season to MODEL

****Young Families** – Parents of toddlers and children in elementary school begin here and remain in this season until their children reach middle school.

*****Seasoned Families** – Parents of teens and young adults also begin here and remain here for 3–6 months establishing the values of their Model then transition to a season that matches the age/stage of their children.

Spring brings excitement and expectation—renewed life, fresh energy, and new directions. It is a time filled with optimism and dreaming. It is also the season of planning and planting...which makes it the perfect time to build a family vision for the future. In Spring, you don’t harvest—you prepare. You look ahead, imagine what could be, and choose what you want to plant and cultivate on purpose. In many ways, parents are not only shaping the children in front of them but also influencing the future parents and grandparents their children may one day become and extending into those future generations. This season invites parents to carve out a short time, like a Sunday afternoon, to step back from the rush of daily life and ask, “What kind of home are we trying to build, and what kind of people are we trying to become?” Whether you’re a young family just starting out or a more seasoned family with years of life behind you, it’s critically important to create a picture—a Model—of what you hope your family will look like in 10, 20, or even 50 years.

By looking ahead to future generations, parents are recognizing that healthy grandparenting doesn't begin when grandchildren arrive; it is shaped by the values, rhythms, and relationships parents intentionally **M**odel decades earlier. But this doesn't imply the perfect plan or setting unrealistic expectations. It's about putting words to what matters most so that your family isn't shaped only by busyness, culture, or whatever feels urgent in the moment. A clear **M**odel becomes a steady "north star"—something parents can return to when decisions are hard, schedules are full, or your family feels pulled in different directions. Scripture calls parents to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), to nurture and guide rather than provoke (Ephesians 6:4), to **M**odel Godliness in everyday life (Philippians 4:9), and to establish a God-centered home (Joshua 24:15)

This doesn't have to be complicated. It only needs a clear sense of the values parents want their family to live by, and the kind of relational culture that children may one day carry into their own parenting and grandparenting relationships. It is a way they can focus on virtues like grace, truth, forgiveness, and love, reflecting Biblical principles uniquely lived out within their family. In many ways, the **M**odel is simply a shared agreement established by parents looking forward to what future generations will carry with them, a vision that says, "This is who we are striving to be—with God's help."

****NOTE: For Young Families ... (Parents of toddlers & children in elementary school)**

The Spring season is especially important for families with toddlers through elementary-aged children because this is when lifelong foundations are formed. Children learn faster, absorb values more deeply, and retain what they are taught more permanently during these early years than at any later stage of life. At this age, parents hold unmatched influence. Children's hearts and minds are open, curious, and ready to be shaped. They naturally see their parents as trusted truth-tellers, long before outside voices, cultural pressures, or competing worldviews gain strength. What parents **M**odel and name now becomes the framework children will carry with them into adolescence and adulthood.

Scripture affirms the power of early formation. God instructs parents to impress His ways on their children through everyday life (Deuteronomy 6:6–7). Proverbs reminds us that the direction set early has lasting impact (Proverbs 22:6). Jesus also described this kind of foundation as building a house on rock rather than sand (Matthew 7:24).

*****NOTE: For Seasoned Families ... (Parents of Teens and Young Adults)**

Some families will enter **The Pathway** with children who are teenagers or emerging young adults. If that's you, this Spring season may feel both urgent and intimidating. You may wonder if it's too late to clearly name your family's values or to intentionally **M**odel Biblical truth in a world filled with other powerful and persuasive voices. Scripture offers a reassuring answer: **God is faithful, and He is not limited by timing, seasons, or past patterns.**

While adolescents and young adults are more aware of cultural pressures and competing worldviews, parents still matter deeply—often more than they realize. While parents might feel like they missed the right time to begin **The Pathway**, Scripture reminds us that God's Word does not return empty but accomplishes what He desires (Isaiah 55:11). By trusting God to honor obedience, He will continue to use a parent's voice and example to shape what children believe is credible, trustworthy, and worth following. Parents should expect to spend at least three to six months clarifying and living by their family's new **M**odel then transitioning into the Summer or Autumn season that best matches their children's age and stage.

For both young and seasoned families, this season invites parents to intentionally name values, live them visibly, and trust God to work beneath the surface. It is the season where clarity must come first—because a clearly named and faithfully lived **M**odel becomes a foundation God uses to shape everything that follows. The values and Biblical principles absorbed in the Spring/**M**odeling season become reference points they can return to later. As their children encounter alternative ideas, relative truths, and beliefs that challenge or contradict their faith, they will not be starting from scratch. Instead, they will have something solid to fall back on—a framework shaped by Scripture, lived out by their parents, and woven into the rhythms of their family life. Jesus' words echo this wisdom: *“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock”* (Matthew 7:24). When storms come—and they will—what was built on a firm foundation is far more likely to stand.

To design a **M**odel that will stand the storms of a lifetime, two components are essential. It must be rooted in Scripture and it must reflect each family's unique mix of personalities, stories, and dreams. Some families will find they can express it through a short mission statement or a motto, others will use guiding values, a simple set of commitments, or a collection of meaningful traditions. But the exact form it takes isn't nearly as important as the commitment to have a **M**odel, and to keep coming back to it.

That steady intention gives both parents and children something to aim at, to guide the choices and habits they need to shape their future together. Over time, this becomes a protective framework—helping children, parents and even grandparents to say “yes” to what builds life, and “no” to what can drain it. And, while grandparents are clearly not yet the focus, the vision for healthy grandparenting actually begins here, in this Spring/Model season, by picturing how future generations might experience the values, grace, and faith of the seeds they are planting today.

Just as careful Spring planting, fertilizing, and watering determine the strength of a farmer’s Summer growth and the coming harvest, so the **Legacy Family Model** will be one of the most influential factors in shaping the values of their children’s and grandchildren’s lives. The seeds planted during this early season—priorities, rhythms, words spoken, prayers offered, grace practiced—will take root and may well bear fruit in ways parents might not see for years.

In the companion **Pathway Resources Bundle**, parents will find a step-by-step guide to building their **Model**, and three **Legacy Family Models** that can be copied, modified, or used for reference to build their own. This resource provides everything needed to create a **Model** tailored to each family’s composition, dynamics, and vision. By revisiting it once or twice a year using the reflection and renewal guide, included in the resources, **Legacy Families** can keep it alive, meaningful, and aligned with their core values. A clearly articulated **Model** and a commitment to live by it, gives **Legacy Families** the essential foundation needed to move forward into the next season.



SUMMER – a season to MOLD
Families with children in middle school and high school



Summer is a season of growth, development, and maturing. Nature flourishes with warmth, sunlight, and rain. The barren fields of Winter—planted with seeds of hope in Spring—begin to sprout into crops that slowly strengthen and mature but still need watering and attentive care. In Summer, things can look “mostly fine” from a distance while still requiring daily focus up close. Growth is real, but it is also fragile. What’s developing can be strengthened—or weakened—depending on what is nurtured, what is neglected, and what is allowed to take root.

Farmers know they must stay vigilant, watching for severe weather, insects, rodents, disease, and weeds that compete for light, water, and nutrients (Matthew 13:3–23). Any one of these threats can undo the careful work of Spring and damage otherwise healthy crops. In a similar way, families with teens often face new challenges that can frustrate both parents and their children.

This is a season when outside voices get louder, temptations become more complex, and pressures increase in every area of a teen’s life—socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. For some parents, Summer brings more worry, more tension, and a deeper sense of disconnection than ever before. But Summer can also be a season of opportunity, because the very challenges teens face can become the raw material God uses to form their character especially when parents stay present, prayerful, and intentional.

In **Legacy Families**, a widening circle of influence can include grandparents as trusted allies whose presence brings perspective, stability, and encouragement during a season of rapid change. The teenage brain is flooded with hormones that lead to new behaviors that both parent and teens find hard to explain. The frontal cortex is the place in the brain where issues of right and wrong, and general morality are forming. It is also the where the capacity to develop critical thinking is being awakened for the first time. That means the teen is not only feeling more—he or she is thinking differently, questioning differently, and testing ideas in new ways. Wise parents do not leave the values their children develop to be shaped by the cultural norms of the day. Instead, they rely on God’s unchanging Word to guide their parenting and help their teens build convictions that can withstand real-world pressure.

At the same time, this season can provide opportunities to use their teen’s experiences—successes, failures, conflicts, and disappointments—for **M**olding character, reinforcing God-honoring family values, and establishing positive habits (Proverbs 1:8–9). In Summer, “discipline” often looks less like control and more like coaching—helping a teen connect choices to consequences, and truth to real-life. **Legacy Families** also look for opportunities where grandparents can come alongside of parents, offering listening ears, encouragement, and a steadying presence.

A Summer season tends to revolve around outdoor recreation, sports leagues, new experiences in school, the exploration of peer relationships and widening horizons of the world around them. These moments, sometimes playful, frequently challenging, always busy, and occasionally unforgettable, create opportunities for **M**olding the heart of a teenager. Conversations in the car, late-night talks, trips, vacations, even everyday frustrations can become formative moments for a parent’s guidance.

Scripture uses the analogy of children as “arrows in the hand of a warrior” (Psalm 127:4), shaped and aimed intentionally. God calls parents to diligently and intentionally teach His ways “when you sit at home and when you walk along the road” (Deuteronomy 6:6–8). In other words, the most powerful shaping often happens in ordinary moments—when parents are present enough to notice what’s going on inside their teen, not just what’s happening around them.

In **Legacy Families**, grandparents may become part of these **M**olding moments, offering shared stories, one-on-one conversations, or simply a calm presence that reminds teens they belong to something larger than the moment they are facing. This season is also a great time to celebrate milestones—the first part-time job, the first driving lesson, moving into the next grade of middle or high school, the first signs of adult hormones, a first car, a first date, and maybe the first hints of their growing faith. These aren’t small moments to a teen; they are signals that life is changing. When parents, and grandparents, mark them thoughtfully, they send a message saying, “I see you growing, and I’m with you.”

But it’s also important to remember that parents may not see the seeds planted take root right away—and that can be genuinely hard. Summer growth is not always visible on the surface. Some roots deepen long before fruit appears. This is a season for parents to remain faithful and prayerful, trusting God, and remembering that a lack of visible fruit right now isn’t a sign of poor parenting or a lack of intentionality.

When parents pause to notice, affirm, and celebrate positive moments, they are doing far more than applauding good behavior—they are **M**olding their teen’s character, developing virtue, grounding them in Biblical truth, and teaching them to recognize God’s hand in their life. Parents are helping them connect “who I am becoming” with “what I’m doing”. That distinction is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a young person. That truth is easy to miss, especially when teens inevitably make poor decisions, or in families with multiple teens with different gifts and strengths, who are maturing at different rates. In the pressure of everyday life, it’s natural to default to a behavior-based feedback instead of entering deeper conversations about character, calling, and identity. But when a parent names and celebrates what is good, as well as diving deep into a teen’s poor decisions, then those moments build foundations that can shape a teen’s heart and mind for a lifetime.

Rather than parents wondering what they did wrong or what did they not do, it is important to understand that in this season growth can often happen below the surface. Nature demonstrates this truth, reminding us that roots deepen long before fruit appears. In **Legacy Families** grandparents may also be invited to step in to reinforce faith, identity, and belonging during a season that can feel uncertain. *It becomes a powerful opportunity reminding everyone that God is at work even when progress feels invisible—and that parent and grandparent presences, prayers, and example still matter deeply.*

God is faithful and will use what parents have Modeled to continue Molding character and conviction in their teens. Even amid the noise and pressure of 21st century living, He protects, guides, and draws hearts toward truth. This season calls parents, and grandparents, to trust God’s timing, and to remember unseen growth today may well be preparation for tomorrow’s harvest.



AUTUMN – a season to MENTOR
Families with children transitioning into adulthood, marrying, and starting a family.



Autumn brings change. Leaves turn, winds shift, and nature quietly prepares for a new season. What once felt stable and familiar begins to look different, signaling that something meaningful is about to happen. Families experience an Autumn as well—when teens become young adults, marriages form, and parents begin to quietly prepare for a new and sacred calling: grandparenting. For **Legacy Families**, this season is not about gaining a new role but more about deepening a lifelong posture of presence, blessing, trust, and influence that has been growing since Spring.

Grandchildren may still be years away, but the foundations of grandparenting are especially important in this season. The trust built—or broken—during these Mentoring years will shape the openness or closeness, access and spiritual influence they as parents, who will someday become grandparents, experience for the rest of their lives.

The parent’s new role as Mentor to their emerging young adults calls for a different kind of wisdom—one marked by patience, humility, and a willingness to redefine what “faithful parenting” looks like. This season invites parents to move from being the primary decision-makers to becoming trusted guides. It often means trading control for conversation, speaking for listening, and authority for influence. While the desire to protect never fades, parents now learn to support their adult children as they begin navigating life, faith, marriage, and responsibility on their own.

As adult children form families of their own, relationships naturally expand to include new family systems—and eventually, grandchildren. How this transition is handled will largely determine the depth of trust, access, and influence parents, who eventually become grandparents, have in the years ahead. Mentoring well in this season lays the relational groundwork for a joyful partnership in the next.

An Important Understanding for the Autumn Season

This season carries both tremendous opportunity and tender vulnerability. Moments of disagreement around marriage decisions, parenting approaches, or evolving and changing roles are common and not unexpected. But how those moments are handled will either strengthen connections or quickly strain them.

Scripture reminds us that “a gentle answer turns away wrath” (*Proverbs 15:1*), and often that wisdom means choosing peace over winning. In this **Mentoring** season, **Legacy Families** understand that the guiding question slowly shifts from, “Am I right?” to, “Am I nurturing the relationship God has entrusted to me?” Tone, timing, humility, and prayerful restraint now matter as much as truth itself.

When parents approach this season with grace and listening hearts, adult children are far more likely to invite ongoing relationship and counsel into the grandparenting years. But when conversations become driven by control or unresolved tension, trust will slowly erode—leading to emotional distance that no one ever intended.

With a **Mentoring** perspective, parents can remain faithfully involved without overstepping healthy boundaries—staying close enough to bless and steady their children, but not so close as to crowd out their young adult children’s ownership of faith, marriage, and responsibility. This season calls on parents to choose relationship over position, influence over insistence, and patience over urgency. Scripture encourages older believers to walk alongside younger ones with love and wisdom (*Titus 2:4–7*). When parents **Model** humility, gentleness, and respect, they quietly open doors for deeper connection—both with their adult children and with grandchildren yet to come.

Handled prayerfully, adult children in **Legacy Families** can come to see parents not as obstacles to independence, but as steady companions along the road—present, grounded, available when perspective is needed, and most importantly, as grandchildren arrive. This season does not mark the loss of influence, but the transformation of it. Like Autumn itself, it can be both beautiful and bittersweet, as it prepares the way for a rich and meaningful new chapter with the birth of their family’s next generation.



WINTER –a season to pass the MANTLE
Families with adult children who now have adolescents and young adults of their own.

Children - Seasoned Parents
WINTER
Parents: Pass Mantle

NEXT GENERATION

Winter tends to be a time of reflection, gratitude, and generational perspective. The pace slows, distractions fade, and what truly matters becomes clearer. Spiritually, it represents a time when parents—now also grandparents—step fully into their calling as blessers, wisdom-bearers, and legacy-givers, not only to their children, but also to their grandchildren. In **Legacy Families**, this season does not create a new identity—it reveals the fruit of decades spent **M**odeling, **M**olding, and **M**entoring faith, family identity, and values across generations. It is not a season of fading influence, but a season of deepening presence.

Freed from the daily demands of active parenting, grandparents, still new in their role, are uniquely positioned to offer what younger generations deeply need: perspective shaped by experience, faith refined through hardship, and love that is steady rather than reactive. Their influence may be quieter, but it is often stronger and longer lasting.

Scripture repeatedly calls older generations to declare God's works to those who follow (Psalm 145:4; Deuteronomy 4:9). The Winter season offers the gift of long vision. With decades of perspective, grandparents can trace God's faithfulness through the family story—naming moments of rescue, provision, correction, and grace. **Legacy Families** know these stories shared, and remembered, become spiritual landmarks—anchors that future generations return to in challenging times. Children and grandchildren begin to see that their family story is not random but lovingly guided by God's hand.

Wise grandparenting in this season is marked by blessing without control, advising without pressure, presence without intrusion. It's learning when to speak, when to listen, and remembering that prayer does more than anything else ever could. Taking this posture opens the door for grandparents to become safe places, trusted voices, and living reminders that God is faithful across generations.

Winter also brings unparalleled opportunities to speak identity and blessing directly into the lives of grandchildren—affirming who they are, noticing God's gifts in them, and praying courage and faith over their future. Many grandchildren remember the words of a grandparent long after other voices fade. A grandparent's blessing carries unique weight because it flows from love, history, and spiritual authority. As this season unfolds, families are also invited to intentionally prepare for passing the leadership **M**antle.

Scripture gives powerful pictures of these leadership transfer moments—Elijah affirming Elisha, Moses commissioning Joshua, and Jesus entrusting His mission to the apostles. Each involved recognition, blessing, and the transfer of responsibility with trust.

Passing the **M**antle is not stepping away—it is multiplying influence. It is saying, “We see God at work in you. We trust what He is building. We bless you to lead.” Whether through prayer, spoken words, written letters, or symbolic acts, marking this moment gives clarity, honor, identity and spiritual weight to the transition as grandchildren witness this important moment. The **M**antle is not a title; it is a sacred trust rooted in humility, faith, and a shared commitment to seek God’s Kingdom first.

There is no single timeline for this moment. Every family’s journey is unique. Yet when approached prayerfully and intentionally, Winter often becomes one of the richest and most meaningful chapters of a **Legacy Family’s** life. A well-spoken blessing can steady adult children during uncertainty and remind them *who they are* and *whose they are*.

As those moments are celebrated and remembered, the **M**antle of family leadership transfer becomes a spiritual milestone that strengthens generations to come. A family where each generation affirms and blesses the next is equipped to face life’s storms with faith, unity, and resilience. In this way, Winter is not an ending—it is a holy continuity. It is the fruit of faithful parenting across a lifetime. It is also the joyful crown of a **Legacy Family** that has been passed hand to hand, heart to heart, and faith to faith from grandparents to parents to children across multiple generations.

Our prayer is that God would continue to guide your family’s story. As you reflect on the journey behind you and the legacy ahead, we invite you to watch our three minute video, [“Passing on the Blessing and Family Leadership”](#) showing how Bob and DJ Feitl handled the transfer of their family leadership to the next generation. Then explore **The Pathway Resource Bundle** that will give you an extensive collection of tools, ready to be personalized to your family, for each season to help you shape your family’s future generations.



Special Grandparenting Note:

A unique perspective of **The Pathway** is how it weaves parents and grandparents into one continuous story of faith transfer, leadership development, and generational blessing rather than treating grandparenting as a stand-alone stage of life.

An essential strength of a **Legacy Family** when they embrace **The Pathway** is a focus on the often-overlooked **Mentoring** season. This is the critical time when relationships with adult children are strengthened in ways that directly determine future grandparenting influence and access to grandchildren. **Legacy Families** intentionally build spiritual, relational, and leadership foundations, which prepare everyone to arrive at grandparenting with clarity of purpose, healthy boundaries, and a shared multigenerational vision.

The result of that approach means grandparents, in **Legacy Families**, are welcomed as blessers, wisdom-bearers, encouragers, and faith-builders who strengthen relationships and help carry God's legacy and the family's values forward into new generations for decades to come.

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