



## CELL GUIDE

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| <b>TOPIC</b> | The Commitment to Bless the New Generation | <b>SPEAKER</b> | Ps Samuel Phun |
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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

At BBTC's first intergenerational service, Ps Samuel emphasised that it is very important for the generation of children and youths to grow in the Lord.

*"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel."* (Judges 2:10). The generations following Joshua's death did not acknowledge God or the work He had done for Israel. How should we be committed to bless those who come after us to be faithful to Him?

## THE COMMITMENT TO BLESS THE NEW GENERATION

We should be committed in these ways:

1. Proclaim the works of God from one generation to another (Psa 145:4), where you pass on the works of God and the things He has done for us to the new generation.
2. Know God or "Yada" in Hebrew. God sends His Son Jesus to be with us. Through observing God's ways and experiencing God, we will know Him and build a personal relationship with Him. In a similar manner, you can foster relationships with the new generation by being with them to connect and know them personally.
3. Teach the commands, decrees and laws of the Lord, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord (Deut 6:1-3).
4. Fear the Lord, walk in obedience to God, love Him and serve the Lord with all your heart and all your soul (Deut 10:12). These are the fundamental aspects of faith that God has for His people that are to be taught to and modelled for the new generation.
5. Consecrate yourself and be holy because God is holy (Lev 11:44). Set yourself apart from the world and honour God.

6. Love and obey God by keeping His commandments (John 14:15), reflecting godly instead of worldly obedience.
7. Serve God with all your heart and all your soul (Deut 10:12), where you make disciples of the new generation, learn the joy of sharing the Gospel to children and saturate them with God's Word.
8. Teach the new generation diligently (Deut 6:4-8) by setting an example for them as children are watching and learning from you.
9. Hear and obey the Word of God (Luke 11:28) by responding and doing what God calls you to do.

## CONCLUSION

Satan has lived in fear since the fall of man. In the Bible, when there is fear from the devil present in people, God will raise a child to save His people (e.g. Moses was raised to free the Israelites from Pharaoh). God placed adults who fear God to raise this child in the fear of the Lord. When Jesus came to earth, He broke the power of the devil and set us free.

When Jesus returns, there will be final judgement for Satan. In the last days, God will pour out His Spirit on all people (Acts 2:17, Joel 2:28). He is raising up a new generation in two parallel tracks - the church children (Deut 6:6-7, 24-25) and the community children (Matt 19:14, Luke 18:16, Mark 10:14). Adults need to start equipping and bless the new generation in the fear of the Lord.

Ps Samuel put forth that when God speaks to you, there will be conviction in the form of condemnation, blaming others or repentance. There is power in repentance - will you ask God for forgiveness and respond to the Lord, committing your heart and ways in the fear of the Lord to raise the next generation?

# QUESTIONS

1. How have you been impacted by the faith of the previous generation? How has this influenced you to pass on the faith to the next generation?

2. In Judges 2:10, the generations following Joshua's death did not know God. What are some current challenges that hinder the passing of faith to the next generation? How can we overcome these challenges?

3. What can you do to nurture or bless someone from the new generation in their faith journey from now onwards?