LESSON 1 // GET A FRESH START

Big Idea: Everyone is a legacy builder—for better or worse. How do we change our tomorrows and the tomorrows of others for the better? We must make a fresh start today, and this always involves some "goodbyes" and some "hellos."

Galatians 3:8-9 (NLT) What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Ephesians 3:20 (TLB) Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.

Acts 7:2-4 (NIV) To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. 3 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' 4 So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living."

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT) Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.

Start Talking:

Talk about someone who has left a significant legacy in your life. How have they impacted you?

Start Thinking:

Read Galatians 3:8-9. What kind of legacy did Abraham leave? In what sense are we as believers "standing on his shoulders" as we build a legacy of faith in Christ?

Read Ephesians 3:20. In what ways does this verse encourage you about God's plan for your life and the legacy He can build in and through you?

Read Acts 7:2-4. What are some things you have had to say "goodbye" to as you follow the Lord? What do you still need to say "goodbye" to in order to serve Him in a greater way and impact others for the kingdom of God?

Read 1 Timothy 4:8. Why is it so important to embrace discipline and "training for godliness" if you want to build a legacy of faith?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for God to give you insight into the kind of legacy He can build through your life. Believe that His grace, wisdom and power can work in you to make an eternal impact on others. Look for opportunities this week to make this kind of impact—in the small, ordinary moments of your day—on people in your sphere of influence, trusting God to use you in your interactions with them.