



What's Next? Generational Faith

Key Scripture

Revelation 4:1 Message

Then I looked, and, oh! — a door open into Heaven. The trumpet-voice, the first voice in my vision, called out, **"Ascend and enter. I'll show you what happens next."**

"What's Next" for the Next Generation?

Judges 2:10-15 CEV

10 After a while the people of Joshua's generation died, and the **next generation did not know the Lord** or any of the things He had done for Israel.
11-13 The Lord had brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and they had worshiped Him. **But now the Israelites stopped worshiping the Lord** and worshiped the idols of Baal and Astarte, as well as the idols of other gods from nearby nations.
14-15 **The Lord was so angry...** and **now the Israelites were miserable.**

Next Generation did **NOT**:

- ✓ **Know the LORD.**
- ✓ **Know what the LORD had done.**
- ✓ **Know what they should do.**

Why the Next Generation is no longer asking "What's Next?"

- ✓ **"What I was taught was irrelevant to the world I now live in.**
- ✓ **Not shown why we should be dedicated followers of Christ, as opposed to putting our faith in something else.**
- ✓ **Our doubts and concerns were minimized and discouraged, instead of being thoroughly addressed and explained.**
- ✓ **Our serious questions, if they were answered at all, were often answered with simple platitudes and insufficient clichés.**
- ✓ **"My parents & church leaders didn't prepare me for the real world."**
- ✓ **"The Bible was not taught clearly or often enough."**
- ✓ **"I didn't find my purpose."**

Adults 19 and over have a **6%** of becoming a Christian.

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Our Responsibility In Generational Faith

Psalm 78:4 NLT

We will not hide these truths from our children; **we will tell the next generation** about the **glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders.**

What's Next Papa?

Romans 8:15 Message

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, **greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?"**

1. Pass-On **Identity.** (Who We Are)

Romans 8:16 Message

God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms **who we really are.**
We know who He is, and we know who we are: Father and children.

2. Proclaim **Destiny.** (Where We Are Going)

Romans 8:17 Message

17 And **we know we are going to get what's coming to us — an unbelievable inheritance!**
We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Him, then **we're certainly going to go through the good times with Him!**

3. Praise The **LORD!** (Who's Got Our Back)

Romans 8:31-34 Message

31 So, what do you think? **With God on our side like this, how can we lose?** 32 If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending His own Son, is there anything else He wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? 33 And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? 34 Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us — who was raised to life for us! — **is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us.**

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