

Summary:

This week we talked about the importance of investing in the next generation. Throughout history, we have seen generations ebb and flow in their faith and even have entire generations such as the judges 2 generation that did not know the Lord. That will not be our story here at BRAVE. We want to invest in the next generation and not experience generational faith drift. As you listen to this sermon, pay attention to the ways that the Israelites missed the mark and ask the question...how might God be asking me to help build up the faith of the next generation?

Sermon Title: The Church of Today

Text: Judges 2:1-11

Generational faith drifts from commitment to compromise when we:

Focus more on what WE CAN DO instead of what HE CAN DO. (Judges 2:1-2)

Value WORLDLY SUCCESS over SPIRITUAL SUCCESS. (Judges 2:2-5)

Focus on FINDING THE RIGHT LEADER instead of BEING AN EMPOWERED BELIEVER. (Judges 2:6-10)

Youth are not the church of TOMORROW, they are the church of TODAY.

Questions:

1. As you think about generational faith drifting, what are some of the reasons you think 2/3 of students who graduate high school walk away from their faith?
2. Read Joshua 24:14-28 and then read Judges 2:10. When you hear Judges 2:10 fresh right next to their commitment to the Lord, what kind of thoughts/emotions/experiences come to mind as you think about youth and faith in our world today?
3. Much like anything in life, if we do not work at it, we tend to drift. What are some ways you have seen faith drift in your own life?
4. Why was it significant that the angel of the Lord came from Gilgal? What was God trying to communicate to His people through the angel?
5. What are some ways you have seen God show up in your life that only He could do?

6. We have learned to live with idols within our faith in the name of pursuing worldly success but in the process have missed much of God's call for spiritual success (obedience). What are some areas God might be calling you to pursue Him even if it doesn't "make sense?"
7. What would it look like practically for you to model celebrating spiritual success over worldly success to the youth around you?
8. What do you think about the idea that we are all called into full-time ministry? When you look at your life currently, how have you seen that to be true or not true?
9. Who is someone who has invested in your life and modeled for you what an empowered Christ-follower looks like?
10. How might God be calling you to serve the next generation? Prayer? Leading a small group? Investing in caring for parents in the church? Some other way?