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Pass It On
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Judges 2:10

When I was a kid, my pastor used to say, “The church is one generation away from extinction.” What he meant is easy to understand: if we fail to share the Gospel with the next generation, the church will not continue. From a human perspective, he was exactly right.

In the book of Judges, we find that the children of Israel failed to pass along their faith to the next generation. That failure led to a cycle of sin that was repeated throughout the book of Judges. Israel would sin, God would judge, God would raise up a judge to deliver them, and after the judge would die, the people would sin worse than ever.

This cycle did not happen in a vacuum. Rather, it was the direct result of one generation failing to pass along their faith to the next. Judge 2:10 tells us that “another generation rose up who did not know the Lord or the works he had done for Israel.” The results were devastating.

We, too, must be sure to share with the next generation who the Lord is for us and all He has done for us in Christ. Only then can we have confidence that the Church will continue to move forward into the future. Are you willing to do whatever it takes — and for your church to do whatever it takes — to reach the next generation with the Gospel?



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