

**NextGen:
One Story – People of the Word
Deuteronomy 1-4**

What stirs the Next Generation of God's people to become faithful stewards of his legacy?

The Next Generation of God's people become a community of faithful stewards of God's legacy when...

- I. The previous generation allows them to learn from their mistakes and build on their successes: Experiencing God's works in sacrificial giving (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:29).
 - a. The mistakes of the past: mistrust and disobedience of God lead to disaster (1:1-2:1).
 - b. Building on their success: trust and obedience lead to success (2:2-3:29).

- II. The new generation unreservedly and single-heartedly commits to obeying God's word and worshiping him alone: Believing God's words faithfully (Deuteronomy 4).
 - a. Don't add or subtract (4:1-4).
 - b. Obey and see the effects of God's word in your life: wisdom (4:5-8).
 - c. Watch out for idolatry (4:9-31).
 - d. Go for the real deal: serve and worship God alone (4:32-40).

**Lord, make my way prosperous,
not that I achieve high station,
but that my life may be an exhibit
to the value of knowing God. – Jim Elliot**

1. How do you show your gratitude for the legacy of faith you have received? A life that seeks to leave a world better than the one we were given understands that our privileges come with responsibilities. As you journey through life, let God's faithfulness in the past be the foundation of your faithfulness to him in the future.
2. Whether you are in your last years of your journey or just beginning, God wants you to be a faithful steward of his resources. You may be the platform others will need to stand on or you may be called to take his legacy forward. Regardless, in God's calling, obedience is worship. Are you ready to commit to his redemptive plan?