

The LegacyPlan™ Story

On Oct 18th, 2008, on the way home from a trip to San Antonio, Texas, God revealed to me an amazing process called LegacyPlan. I had just spent several life-changing days with Jeff Thompson, my close friend and fellow LifePlanner and SummitTrek Executive Coach.

I was reading an in-flight magazine about Bob Barker, the long-time game show host of *The Price is Right*. Surprisingly the article was not about his experience as a game show host, but about his quest to enable free spaying and neutering of dogs and cats on a nationwide basis, and to prevent cruelty to animals in laboratory experiments. Mr. Barker is so passionate about these causes that he is investing over fifty million dollars into leaving this legacy. The article described his childhood as one in which he was left alone quite often, having only the company of his animals as his "friends" and companions.

Right then I realized that everyone will leave some kind of legacy, but not necessarily a legacy based on his or her career or what they are known for. All of a sudden, in a way that I have never experienced before or since, God revealed a process to help people leave their legacies. For two hours I wrote page after page, creating a whole new process, building on and integrating the processes I had used for more than a decade with leaders.

As I meditated on the idea of Legacy and pondered the idea of permanence, I remembered Isaiah 61:3 which states:

"They will be called mighty oaks, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor."

In the past twelve years I have had the privilege of helping thousands of Christian leaders clarify God's calling in their life in intensive workshop experiences. In addition to working with leaders in groups, I have also helped hundreds of business and ministry leaders clarify their unique contributions through a process called LifePlanning. LegacyPlan is the capstone of all these experiences. **It is a retreat process to help couples "get on the same page" regarding their future, clarify the legacy that God would have them leave, and commit to finishing well.**

Everyone leaves a legacy; and our choices and commitments determine, to a large degree, what that LEGACY will be! The clues are found in your unique story... that lead to greater clarity regarding some important questions:

What do we want to leave in place after our lives here on earth are over?

What will live on ten, twenty, fifty, one hundred years after our deaths?

What is vital to leave in the lives of our children and grandchildren?

Are there organizations and/or causes we wish to further advance?

Over the next 3-4 days each of you will explore six key areas of your lives individually and as a couple to discover the unique LEGACY that God intended when He brought you together.

L - Life Messages I must share with others.

E - Experiences that have significantly shaped me, which I want to help others gain or avoid.

G - Gifts I have to share: intellectual, material, methodologies, networks, and platforms of influence.

A - Unique abilities I am good at, enjoy, and see results when I use. These will help me leave my Legacy.

C - Circles of influence: people, organizations, and perhaps causes that I want to impact

Y - Yearnings and hopes about the people, causes, and organizations that matter most to me.

I am honored and humbled to lead you in this LegacyPlan Retreat. As we navigate this process together I will be praying that God clearly reveals more of His unique plan for your marriage and empowers you with the passion and courage to take it to the next level.

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