

# One Generation Away

**We are always one generation away.**

## **Judges 2:6-8, 10 (NIV)**

6 After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to their own inheritance. 7 The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel. 8 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. 10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.

In order for them to **know** Him, we must **show** them.  
How do we show them? It takes **two**.

## **Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)**

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

The next generation thrives when both **parents** and the **church** take responsibility **together** to lead them.

The next generation suffers when **parents** don't do their part.  
The next generation suffers when the **church** doesn't do its part.

Parents must **fight for the hearts** of their children daily.  
As a church, we must **step up to the plate** weekly.