

Richmond Hill Baptist Church
October 23, 2011, **not a fan #6: Legacy**

Prelude & Prayer Time

Call to Worship: *Standing on the Promises*

Baptism: Thomas & Angee

Welcome: What a great way to start our service today. Welcome to Richmond Hill. It is good to see you. If you are a guest please fill out a Connect Card. Let's greet one another.

Sing: *Forever, In Christ Alone, Our Great God, Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Children's Corner:

Announcements:

1. Fall Festival: Friday Night
2. Youth Mystery Night: Saturday Night

Offering & Offertory: *More of You*

Sermon:

not a fan #6: Legacy

Today is the last and final sermon in our not a fan series. It may be the last one but I am hopeful that it lasting.

Someone in our home group sent me this one:**Twitter:** No I am not talking about Twitter. I literally want you to follow me. Jesus

Luke 14:27-30

²⁷ *And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

²⁸ *“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’”*

We have been finishing our basement. There are a lot of unfinished basements out there that someone started to finish. There are a lot of folks who began a journey with Jesus but someone along the way did not finish the course.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Paul finished well and he left an a great legacy of following Christ.

Legacy

Revelation 14:13

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Legacy: Will you leave a legacy of being a fan of Christ or a Follower of Christ?

I want you to close you eyes and pretend that you are going to a Funeral:

1. You get dressed up.
2. You go to the funeral home and see family and friends.
3. You join others in vehicles and follow the hearse to the cemetery.
4. You go through a range of emotions.
5. You walk out on the cemetery lawn and take in the flowers and headstones.
6. You come to freshly dug grave and see and newly scripted headstone and you are taken back when you read your name & birth date on the headstone.
7. You hear the pastor talk about you and you hear him invite others to speak about you.
8. You hear them talk about you as a parent, spouse, friend, and colleague?
9. What are they saying?
10. What characteristics would you like to be said of you?
11. What accomplishments would you like to be said of you?
12. How do you want to be remembered?
13. Open you eyes! What will be written on your headstone?

How will you be remembered? This is your legacy.

Two Legacy Questions:

1. What is my present legacy?

If you died right now how would people remember you. This is your present legacy.

I want to thank Sunset Memorial and Stone for letting me borrow this headstone.

Truck Memorial: In memory of our son and brother, Dean.

Lego Memorial: 1955-2011, IPAD, Thank You Steve Jobs.

Are you leaving the legacy of a fan or a follower of Jesus?

You might not like your present legacy so I have a second questions for you.

2. What is my preferred legacy?

Steven Covey: *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*
Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind

An airplane pilot asks: Where do I want to land?

A parent asks a different question: How do I want my kids to remember me?

A married person is asking: How do I want my spouse to remember me?

A friend is asking: How do I want my buddies or girlfriends to remember me?

A co-worker is asking: How do I want my colleagues to remember me?

A grand parent is asking: How do I want my grand children to remember me?

Will you be remembered more as a fan of Jesus or a follower of Jesus?

Fan Qualities verses Follower Qualities

1. Apathatic or Caring
2. Grudge holder or Forgiving
3. Critical or Encouraging
4. Stingy or Giving
5. Hypocritical or Genuine
6. Speak without thinking or Listen Well
7. Ignore Needs or Respond
8. Silent about my Faith or Quick to Share my Testimony
9. Worry a lot or Pray Fervently
10. How can I be served or How can I serve.

John Maxwell: Leadership is developed daily, not in a day.

Discipleship is developed daily, not in a day.

Luke 9:23:

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

One Daily Prayer:

1. God help me live for you today.

2 Corinthians 15:5

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

I used to wonder why Jesus call his followers to be baptized. We are saved by grace through our faith in Christ. Why baptism? Baptism is a powerful symbol of death, burial and resurrection. In Baptism we identify with Christ. It is our first step in following Him.

DVD: Week 6 Sermonette (Powerful)

Connect Card & Commitment Card:

My Daily Prayer:

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A better legacy question will be: On that day of Judgement what will Jesus say of me? Fan or Follower.

Response: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

1. Trust Christ: Today is the day of Salvation.
2. Follow Christ in Baptism: Pentecost: Repent and be Baptized.
3. Commit to one simple prayer: God help me live for you today.