

**SERMON SERIES:** The Best Summer Ever

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## Sermon Title

Honoring Scott & Michalene Beckenhauer

## Introduction

We had a little bit of a different experience on Sunday, taking time to celebrate and recognize Scott Beckenhauer for 25 years of ministry at Calvary. He and his wife Michalene have spent countless hours and ample amounts of energy pouring into God's work at Calvary and in the Omaha area. This week, we want to focus on what it means to be a part of a **"legacy of faith"**.

- What comes to mind when you hear the word **legacy**?

## Aspects of Legacies

- *Longevity and Perseverance— James 1:2-4*
  - Being a part of a legacy of faith means sticking around for the long haul and persevering through the challenges that being a believer brings. What are some of the difficulties you have faced in your walk with Jesus that have made things like longevity and perseverance difficult?
- *Community and Support- Hebrews 10:24-25*
  - All throughout Scripture, we see the importance of community and support. The tribes of Israel, Jesus and his disciples, the early church gathering. A legacy of faith involves more than just you or I, but the whole body of believers. What areas of your life have you found community to be the most important and why? What areas of your walk with Jesus have you noticed you are lacking in community and support?
- *Faithfulness and Joy— Psalm 27:13-14*
  - Our attitude matters. When we are a part of a legacy of faith, people look to us as an example. Remaining faithful to the call of Jesus, and having a joyful attitude while doing it, are essential parts of setting up the next generation. What is your attitude towards God right now? Would you consider *joy* something that describes you?

## Talk About It

- Reflect on your journey with Jesus so far. Who were the key people that introduced you to Him, and helped you along the way? Who are the ones who you count on for spiritual guidance and direction? Think about the ways they live out their faith in Jesus, and talk about which of those you want to emulate most.
- Part of being in the legacy of faith is setting up the next generation to succeed in their faith. This may mean literal generations, but might also mean someone who has just started or yet to start their walk with Jesus. Who in your life are you being called to be an example to? How can you show them what it means to be a part of this legacy of faith?

## Wrap Up

Each and every one of us are called to live out our faith as a part of this “**legacy of faith**”. Those who came before us helped to set the way, and we follow their footsteps to help others in their journeys with Jesus. On a day where we get to acknowledge one family in particular who has been so key to the legacy of faith here at Calvary, we also want to make sure that you recognize the role you play in it as well. You are a part of the family, you are a part of the legacy. And when we all work together towards that same common goal, the legacy becomes even more secure for years to come.