

**OUR CHILDREN,
OUR FAITH
AND OUR GOD**

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What is difficult to leave in your culture even after accepting the gospel and becoming a messianic believer?

How did different cultures begin?
What is being done in your culture different from others?

Funerals?

Naming?

Dowry?

INTRODUCTION:

- Can our God be God of our children?
- Can our faith be faith of our children?
- Can you make them inherit your faith?
- Can your children inherit your God?
- What about your church?

Joshua
24:14-15

ABRAHAM-ISAAC-JACOB

- Deuteronomy 26:6-7-
- 1 Chronicles 29:10,18
- Acts 3:13
- Will your children say this?
- How did Abraham do it?



God of
our
father(s)

GENESIS 18:19;26:3-5;22:6-10

- Able to command his children
- Command entire family after him
- Make them all follow his God/Faith
- He could do this by being faithful to God
- By Believing his God 100%
- By not compromising his God

Isaac witnessed a great strength in serving God by his father.

“Imagine Dad almost killed me to please his God!!”

APPLICATION

- Can you compromise your faith?
- Can you compromise the sabbath?
- Can you maintain your doctrine?
- Can your children believe on your faith
- How can they think of your faith?
- Personally take them to church

**By actions,
show them
how you
are faithful
to your God
and your
Faith**

JACOB- GEN 48:21,49

- Demonstration of strong faith to children
- Building harmony and peace amongst them
- Maintaining the faith of your fathers
- Providing for your family
- Not surrendering even in times of challenges
- Etc.....

MOSES- DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

- Love your God with all your heart.... .
- His word will be fixed in your heart
- Diligently teach your children-verbally
 - Talk of it sitting at home!
 - Mention it while walking with them!
 - Talk of it at night and morning!
- Use non-verbal signs quite often

This is only possible if our faith is deeply entrenched within us!

JOASH- JUDGES 6:12-13

- Gideon & Israel's children were disappointed
- Back in their minds, they had;
 - Testimonies of their fathers' mighty God
 - Crossing the red sea
 - Defeating nations
- Always tell them great things done by God
- As a parent don't ever lose hope/faith

*Lessons taught in
a disappointing
time stick more
and build great
hope/faith of your
God, in your
children*

THE ISRAELITES' FATHERS- JOSHUA 4:5-8

- They kept evidence of God's power
- Keen to prove this to their children
- Children were therefore, convinced of this God
- Do you have evidence of God's works?
- Do you have evidence of your doctrines?
- What can they show of your god?

**Photos of
worship
in
schools
and
nursery**

DAVID – 1 KINGS 2:1-4; ACTS 13:22-23

- Talk to them about the commandments
- Always do this even in old age
- Demonstrate this yourself
- Serve your God wholeheartedly
- Always strive to please your God
- Let them not distract you

Elohim Himself will
make your offspring
be strong and even
lead their community
and generation to
righteousness if you
as a parent keep your
faith and maintain
good relationship
with your God

MANY GENERATIONS- PSALMS 78:3-7

- Transfer your faith to your children
- Then they will also transfer to theirs
- You should hear and understand it
- The greatness and character of God!
- Tell them His powers and miracles

**Concentrate
on influencing
the unborn
generations
through your
children**

SOLOMON-Ability to resist Influence-Proverbs 1:10-16;22:6

- Make them hate doing sin
- Make them hate bad company
- Make them ambassadors of peace
- Let them hate quick gains/money
- Don't fear telling them the truth
- Offer early spiritual training to them

Children will not forget what you do to them or tell them when they are young. So, be sensitive on issues of your faith!

PAUL: EPHESIANS 6:4

- Never provoke them against your faith
- Don't comment angrily even in difficult times
- Be faithful to avoid being reprimanded in their presence
- Avoid conflicts/divisions in church
- Build them in God's admonition
- Teach them on the nature of God

They should grow knowing and faithfully practicing tithing and free-will offerings

LOISE- 2TIMOTHY 1:5

- The faith of Loise
- The faith of her daughter, Eunice
- The faith of her grandson, timothy (bishop)
- Possibility of transferring to timothy's children!
- Can your children/grandchildren maintain your faith?
- Can they pass it to their children?

I guess Loise
was very strong
in the church!

Making them full heirs of your faith

1. Have personal relationship with your God
2. Be faithful to God's commandments always
3. Don't ever compromise your faith
4. Whole heartedly serve your God
5. Don't support his deeds contradicting your faith
6. Never allow to compromise when young
7. No negative talking about your faith
8. Always discuss the word with them

**Love and
support
sabbath
school
teachers**

**Love your
church elders
too!**