## **Replace the future**

I am pretty sure this current generation will leave no legacy. The only thing they will be remembered for is creating fear and lies. I wish I didn't have to pick on them. Each generation thinks their own way. How could they know? How could they know why we thought the way we did fifty years ago? All we have is what we are given in the present. Old people like me tell the young ones to remember. To honor the past. Yet, these kids don't know the past. A consumer generation can't remember the past because they replaced it too many times.

What do they look forward too? It's what ever is the new thing. The new thing put before them. Remember the past? In the last twenty years I am having a hard time remembering how many beds or TV's I've owned. She tells me it's time for a new bed. It's ten years old. 10! Is it really? We should replace our TV before it breaks. Why? It's because we can. This generation is replacing the past because it can. They don't have something that always was. No, it's been replaced several times.

They say that history repeats itself. With that said, is this current generation any different than the last? I suspect it's not. Why does history repeat itself? If a fire is hot why do some people have to touch it? Didn't their parents tell them not to? I figure it's because we have no emotional tie to our parents' knowledge. What they experienced is theirs. They can tell us to not touch the fire, but we can't truly understand why. Humans are continually replacing old history with a newer model. A history that will be personal and emotional to them. Veterans of WW1 could not stop WW2. Although they knew death and pain, the next generation didn't understand. They had to touch the fire themselves.

What does God have to say? Proverbs 4:13 "Always remember what you have been taught, and don't let go of it. Keep all that you have learned; it is the most important thing in life." I could list a hundred verses on God asking us to remember. I could list a hundred more asking the fathers to remind the next generation. God wants us to pass down our history. To avoid the mistakes of the past? I think it's more about knowing that God will be there for the next generation when they make their own mistakes. It's not about avoiding half as much as relying on God in future generations.

What sets this current generation apart? I am sure some past generations did not pass God on. Does that mean God does not exist? The Lord in heaven is willing to disappear for a time. To be silent. There are a few verses that say "when the time is full." I think this means that God is willing to let a generation fall away from him. To let them go it alone. I suspect that is how people return to God. This current generation has replaced things so many times that it has forgotten God. The God their parents passed down. I think that is ok.

There are Christians who are frightened that God and the church will disappear. Luke 21:33 "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*" Was Jesus afraid His word will be forgotten? It's the duty of this generation to preach the word to the current people. Yet, it's not for them. One day in the future God will be seemingly gone. Religion will look like something else. Yet, it will not work. Times will become dark. It's in those moments that someone will remember the past. What we said to them all those years before. History repeats itself in that way too.

This generation does not know God very much. Their parents warned them. Yet, they had to try life their way. To make it without God. To work things out differently than their parents did. In time they will get frustrated with how it's gone. Life will be hard. It happened to Israel 300 years after Joseph. Then God gave them Moses. A Moses that did not know God. Then Israel wandered for 40 years. They wandered after the prophets for another 400 years. It's taken over 2000 years for this current generation to forget Jesus. Yet, it was meant to be. It's the way it has to be.

Of course, it makes us sad. Why won't they listen? In history has that line ever been uttered before? Of course, it has! Yet, each generation remembers the Lord. They speak the truth about God. Each generation also wants to forget God because its our fallen nature to do so. We desire to be our own God. How to humble and educate a generation 101? Let them know that they are not God. That there must be a better way. The way of the Lord.

Keep speaking about God. I don't care if they are not responding or listening. The silent foundation is being laid. They will fail in time. Gods time! Until then you must speak. Write it down and show the truth. This generation is lost by replacing everything they ever knew. Everything they have ever had. Yet, somewhere in the future is the new Moses. The new resurgence of the Bible. Yet, God must have the time to let them fall by their own strength. It's how he brings them back. We think it's us. It's never been that way. When this generations time is full God will bring them back. This generation thinks it's replacing the future. No, it's God waiting for them to find what they have always been missing. Something that's can't be replaced.