**A Study on Generations**

**(Failure to Reach the 4th Generation and its Impact on a Nation)**

**2Tim. 2:2** The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**Q: What are the 4 Generations seen in 2 Tim 2.2?**

**Q: Why is a generational approach to advancing the gospel and the kingdom of God so important?**

**Ex. 24:13** So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

**Ex. 32:15**   Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which were written on both sides; they were written on one *side* and the other. **16** The tablets were God’s work, and the writing was God’s writing engraved on the tablets. **17** Now when Joshua heard the sound of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a sound of war in the camp.”

**18** But he said,

“It is not the sound of the cry of triumph,

Nor is it the sound of the cry of defeat;

But the sound of singing I hear.”

**Q: Who was on the mountain with Moses?**

**Ex. 33:11** Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

**Q: What kind of relationship did Moses have?**

**Q: What kind of impact do you think Moses’ relationship with God had on Joshua?**

**Q: Read Mark 3.14. What impact does time and proximity have in disciple-making?**

**Deut. 3:27** ‘Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see *it* with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan. **28** ‘But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he will give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.’

**Q: What are God’s instructions to Moses in regards to Joshua?**

**Josh. 1:1**    Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ servant, saying, **2** “Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. **3** “Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

**Q: Who is speaking to Joshua now? What impact do you think hearing from God personally had on Joshua?**

**Q: How will you help disciples personally hear from God?**

**Judg. 2:7** The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel. **8** Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten. **9** And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. **10** All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

**Q: How many generations were faithful until the moral collapse of the nation of Israel?**

**Q: Where did things go wrong in the mentoring/discipleship process?**

**Q: Is there any outstanding person mentioned among the elders that Joshua invested in as Moses had with him?**

**Judg. 21:25**   In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

**Q: What was the ultimate result of failing to get to the 4th generation of Spiritual Trainers?**

**Q: Who is your Timothy/ Joshua?**

**Q: How will you know your Timothy has been adequately trained?**