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Sermon Outline:

“The Legacy of Living Water: Leaving a Lasting Impact”

Scripture Focus:

“We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.”

Psalm 78: 4

- **Proverbs 13: 22:** “A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children.”
- **Isaiah 55: 10-11:** “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty.”
- **John 4: 14:** “But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
- **John 7: 37-38:** “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

Introduction: Our Legacy is like the Water Cycle



- The water cycle is essential to sustaining life, a natural process designed by God.
- It's an analogy for how God's grace and blessings flow into and through our lives.
- Just as water sustains the physical world, God's grace nourishes our spiritual lives.
- Our spiritual legacy is much like this – what we leave behind continues to flow and impact generations after us.
- Today, we reflect on how our actions, faith, and love for God can shape the lives of others and create a lasting spiritual legacy.

1. Evaporation: Rising Up to God in Prayer and Worship

- **Evaporation:** Water rises from the earth, drawn upward by the heat of the sun.
 - **Spiritual Application:** Our prayers, worship, and devotion to God are like vapour rising toward heaven.
 - **Revelation 5: 8:** Our prayers are like incense before God, ascending as a sweet aroma.
 - **Legacy Insight:** The prayers we offer, the worship we give to God, and the example of a devoted life influence future generations. Our dedication creates a foundation for those who follow.

Challenge:

- Are we leaving behind a legacy of faithfulness in prayer and worship? Our consistent devotion rises like vapour to God, leaving a spiritual example for others.



Illustration:

- Just as clouds carry water, our lives carry God's blessings, which can be shared with others. Are we storing up blessings and wisdom that will benefit those who come after us?

2. Condensation: God's Grace Poured Into Our Lives

- **Condensation:** The vapour forms clouds that gather moisture and are ready to release rain.
- **Spiritual Application:** As we seek God, he blesses us with grace, wisdom and provision, forming spiritual clouds over our lives.
- **James 1: 17:** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."
- **Legacy Insight:** The grace and blessings we receive from God are not just for us – they are the resources that shape the spiritual atmosphere of our families and communities.

3. Precipitation: Our Influence and Impact on Others

- **Precipitation:** Rain, snow, and dew fall to the earth, nourishing and bringing life.
- **Spiritual Application:** Our legacy is like rain – we pour out what we have received from God onto those around us. This includes our love, kindness, faith and wisdom.
- **Matthew 5: 16:** "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- **John 7: 37-38:** Believing in Christ leads to rivers of living water flowing from within us.
- **Legacy Insight:** Every action we take is like rain falling on the earth. How we live, love and serve others can deeply influence their lives. We are called to be a source of life-giving water to the world around us.



Application:

- Are we intentionally pouring out God's love and truth into the lives of others? What will people remember us for?

4. Collection: The Legacy We Leave Behind

Collection:

Water gathers in rivers, lakes and oceans, becoming part of the earth's ongoing system of life.

- **Spiritual Application:** The impact of our lives collects and flows into future generations. Our legacy continues as the seeds we plant grow in the lives of others.
- **Proverbs 13: 22:** “A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children.”
- **Legacy Insight:** Like rivers that flow endlessly, our actions today shape the spiritual journey of others tomorrow. What we teach, share and live out becomes part of their inheritance.

Reflection:

- How are you letting the living water of God flow from you into the lives of others? Are you sharing the grace you’ve received? What spiritual rivers are we creating? Are we sowing seeds of faith, love and service that will continue to bear fruit in the lives of those who come after us?



4. Collection: The Legacy We Leave Behind

The Water Cycle is Continuous:

Just as the water cycle never ends, the legacy we leave can continue through generations if we are faithful in passing it on.

- **2 Timothy 2: 2:** “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”
- **Legacy Insight:** The faith, wisdom, and love we instill in others should not stop with them. We are called to disciple others, empowering them to carry on and multiply what they’ve received.

Call to Action:

- Be intentional in mentoring and influencing others. Encourage them to carry forward what you’ve passed down, so the spiritual cycle of life and growth continues.



Conclusion: A Legacy that Flows Like Living Water

- The water cycle is a reminder of how God's blessings flow into our lives, how we pour into others, and how our legacy continues through them.
- **Challenge:** What kind of legacy are you building today? Will it be a refreshing source of life to those who follow, or will it evaporate without impact? Let your life flow like rivers of living water, leaving a lasting, life-giving legacy.
- **Prayer:** Ask God to help you build a legacy that honours him and impacts others, one that continues to flow through generations.



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