

**Workshop:** Momentum 01

**Session:** Will There Be a Fifth?

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### **Synopsis:**

Ever since God made the first covenant with Abram in Genesis, the flow and momentum of faith would be based on one generation passing the faith on to the next generation. The reality of the increasing number of unchurched and dis-churched cannot simply be blamed for the apathy or lack of interest of the next generation. Ultimately, it is our own failure to passionately communicate/translate the Gospel message in relevant ways that is leading to the threat/fear of the death of the church. How do we reclaim our heart for the Gospel? What will be our primary message about Jesus to next generation? Are we intentional about making disciples or are we just trying to grow membership?

### **Key Biblical Anchors:**

Genesis 12:1-3

*<sup>1</sup>The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.<sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Exodus 20:4-6

*<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

2 Timothy 1:3-5

*<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

### **My Personal Reflections/Lessons on 4 Generations of Pastoral Ministry:**

Gen 1 – Great Grandfather, Yun Suk:

*Simple things change the world + the Kingdom grows faster outside the church than inside the church.*

Gen 2 – Grandfather, Bishop Chang Duk Yun:

*The institution does not have to be your enemy; form and function need to work consistently together.*

Gen 3 – Father, Rev. Won Kyung Yun:

*Take the small appointments and make it bigger; wherever you are sent, give it your best and give it your all.*

Gen 4 – Me, P. Sam Yun:

*Maximize on the hunch that life with God is better than life without God; you can actually engage most people in conversation around this possibility/probability.*

**Some Factors to Consider for the Fifth:**

1. Message: Simplicity = Authenticity (reference: Simple Church, Thom Rainer & Eric Geiger)
2. Method: Imagination > Precedents (reference: Erwin McManus, Q Conference)
3. Mission: Great Commandment + Great Commission (reference: Jesus)

**Ongoing Questions:**

1. Does your own faith narrative have passion and power? Does your ministry clearly have Jesus at the center?
2. What are some of the precedents that need to be undone/removed from the context of next generation ministry?
3. Are you absolutely convinced of the “why” you do what you do?