



CMC Global 2020 WORKSHOP

“There Still is Time - Rethinking Generational Continuity as a Calling” By Lisa Pak

1. God is a Generational God
 - a. “God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” – Genesis 12
 - b. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78:1-8; Proverbs 22:6
 - c. Tables of Generations
 - i. Genesis 10; Matthew 1; Luke 3
 - d. Generational continuity into eternity
2. Hezekiah’s Folly (Isaiah 39:1-8)
 - a. Any generation that does not consider what they leave behind for the following generation is short-sighted
 - i. Good – legacy vs. Bad – burdens and consequences
3. King David’s Foresight (1 Chronicles 17 & 22; 2 Samuel 7)
 - a. David recognizes his generational role
 - b. David sets Solomon up for success for God’s kingdom work, not his own agenda
 - c. David advises and encourages Solomon as he speaks with him; about obeying God not living a luxurious and secure life
 - d. The accomplishments and achievement of the first generation must not be a burden to the next, i.e. a competition to see which generation does more, but rather a platform from which they can build and reach higher
4. Rehoboam’s Folly (1 Kings 12)
 - a. The importance of listening to the wisdom of elders who have more “lived experience” than a young person
 - b. In Rehoboam, there is a sense of generational hubris (perhaps stemming from a sense of insecurity and self-worth); e.g. “We can do better than them”, “I can do better than Solomon and people will fear me more...”, “I need to show them how powerful I am and that I am to be feared...”
5. Esther and Mordecai (Esther 4)
 - a. Mordecai explains the situation and lays it out according to his perspective

- and leaves Esther to choose
 - b. Esther listens to the advice of Mordecai even when it's not her first choice
 - c. An example of a loving, firm and honest generational mentorship where both sides are independent but very respectful in listening to each other
6. Paul's Encouragement of Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12)
- a. Putting wind in his sails because Paul knows that he's not going to be around forever, and Timothy must be the leader that Paul knows he can be
7. Paul's Instructions Between Generations
- a. Exodus 20; Ephesians 6:1-3 – For children to honour and obey their parents
 - b. Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4 – For parents not to burden, exasperate or aggravate their children
8. 4 W's - Whole Gospel, Whole Person, Whole Church, Whole World
- a. Acts 13:36 – What is our generational role? As first generation? As the second generation? Emerging third generation?