

Living in the Dash

Theme: Leaving a Legacy That Matters

Scripture:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."

— Proverbs 10:7 (ESV)

One day, your dash will be complete. The dates will be etched in stone. But what you do *between* those dates—the choices you make, the love you give, the impact you leave—that's your legacy.

The truth is, we all leave something behind. Some leave behind bitterness, busyness, or regret. Others leave behind laughter, faith, wisdom, and love. The difference is found not in how long we live, but in how intentionally we live.

Jesus tells us to let our light shine—not for applause, but so that others may see our lives and glorify God. A godly legacy points people not to us, but to the One who made us new. Your legacy is built in ordinary moments: the kindness you show, the prayers you offer, the truth you speak, the faith you live when no one's watching.

Legacy isn't about having a platform—it's about leaving fingerprints of Jesus on the hearts of others.

You may never know the full impact of your dash while you're living it. But one day, someone may remember a moment of encouragement you offered at just the right time. A child may walk in faith because you planted seeds. A friend may come to Christ because you showed grace when they least deserved it.

Don't underestimate the power of a life surrendered to God. You were born with purpose, called to love, and sent to shine. Let your dash echo into eternity.

Prayer:

Lord, help us live today in a way that will matter tomorrow. We want to leave a legacy that honors You—a legacy of love, faith, and faithfulness. Teach us to invest in what lasts, to love people well, and to reflect Your light in all we do. May our dash bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Discussion Questions

- When others remember you, what do you hope they will say about your life?
- What kind of legacy are you currently building through your daily choices?
- What one change can you make this week to invest in something eternal?