

Dear Praying Friends,

I wanted to write and tell you how God answered prayer request #1 of my August 2007 Prayer Requests. The request was, **“That God will speak through me as I preach at ALL NATIONS CHURCH on Sunday, August 5, 2007.”**

Thanks for praying. The prayer request is now a praise item! The whole week had really been a struggle trying to put the message together in addition to the fact that I had to prepare for a Sunday school class I was teaching at Heritage that morning. But as I stood to speak at ALL NATIONS CHURCH that Sunday afternoon, I “felt your prayers” (a phrase my pastor used to express appreciation to the church for their prayers while he was on a mission trip to Zimbabwe recently).

“What did you preach on?” is the question that a number of you have asked me. I preached on the importance of **leaving a Godly legacy** based on 2 Timothy 4:1-8 (the Apostle Paul’s last words to Timothy, his son in the faith). The message was part of *How to Influence a New Generation* series that Pastor Kirk started several weeks ago. At the end of the sermon I prayed for two gentlemen who indicated by a show of hands their need for divine help to finish well in their respective assignments. One of the guys, mentoring some international students, later on sent me an e-mail with these words:

Sam,

I was trained by the Navigators, and so anytime I hear a message on making disciples, I get excited.

Like I said, a friend and I did a verse by verse study of this book a few summers ago. So hearing you preach on it was like getting reacquainted with an old friend. Here are three lessons I learned from your message:

1) God gives us an assignment; His charge to us is not tedious. It is a privilege. Who am I that I should get to pass on a Godly legacy? Praise the Lord, Christ is living His life through me as I invest in others.

2) I became very interested to know exactly what my assignment is, although it is not something to be waited upon, it is something to take hold of now. The assignment is thus: **DO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN, THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN ME ARE THE THINGS I SHOULD BE BUSY WITH,** and

3) I have faith that God will take this worthless vessel and actually use me to build other men up into men that can go and do likewise. I am so grateful for His saving and sustaining grace.

Blessing to you brother, David

I was so thankful to get *Dave’s* e-mail. Sometimes when people are listening to a preacher, you never know what’s going on in their minds or what God is doing in their hearts. May God help us finish well so we can say like the Apostle Paul: **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. Finally there’s laid up for me the crown of righteous that the Lord the righteous Judge will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all those who have loved His appearing”** (2 Tim. 4:7-8). Please keep upholding me in your prayers.

Thanks and God bless, Sam

P.S.

Question: Who is a mentor?

Answer: “He is someone committed to two things: **helping you grow and keep growing, and helping you realize your life goals.**” —Dr. Howard Hendricks.