



## **FUTURE FAMILY, Part 6: The Echo**

### **INTRODUCTION**

When it comes to family, actions speak louder than words—they echo into the next generation. Your children and grandchildren may forget what you say, but they'll never forget what you *do*.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Growing up, what stories did you hear about your grandparents or great-grandparents? How did those stories help shape who you are?
2. How do you usually respond under pressure? Why?
3. What would you do differently if you knew that your children will eventually take their cues from what you do rather than what you say?
4. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to change how your life will echo in the lives of your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren? What can this group do to support you?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Parents, our clearest messages are sent during times of crisis. Our lives are defined for our children by the decisions we make under pressure. We're shaping our children's memories, deciding what they'll look back on. We can't control their responses, but we can control the examples we set.

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness.*

**Titus 2:7**