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## Legacy of Life Change

Summer is here! For many it means vacation, barbecues, picnics, long warm days and often a slight slowing down in the annual rhythm. Summer for me has a slightly different feel. Summer brings with it huge opportunities to see students' lives changed.

A few weekends ago I was speaking at YC Alberta, a youth event with about 10,000 students present. Most of the students attending are from Western Canada so I was continually running into students I had met at previous speaking engagements. I was there to do a couple of optional seminars Saturday afternoon. I had moved into the lobby after one seminar and a large number of students assembled to speak with me about thoughts and questions about my presentation.

As the line grew shorter there were two boys I thought I recognized. When it was their turn one said "I don't know if you recognize me but you spoke at Pleasantview Bible Camp in 2011 and that is where I accepted Jesus because of your talks. Would you mind if we get a picture together?" After the picture the other boy chimed in "I accepted Jesus that week too and I was wondering if I could get a picture with you as well."



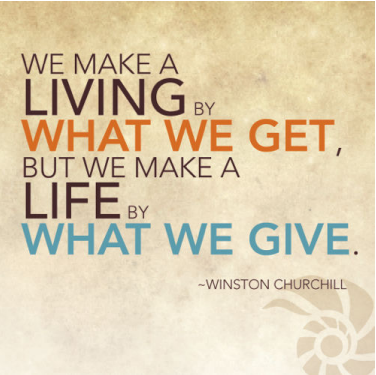
For me summer is about speaking at summer camps. It is full, busy, challenging, and in many cases exhausting; physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Because it is the most fruitful time of ministry in my calendar it is also filled with so much joy and satisfaction.

## Lessons Inspiring Legacy

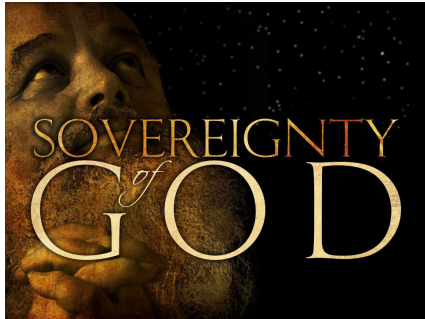
By now most of you, our partners, have heard of my Dad, Gerry Loewen's, recent promotion to Heaven. I had the privilege of being in the room and holding his hand when the moment came. That was one of many profound moments, during the year he was so ill, to reflect on his legacy. His imprint on my life is very deep but there are three life lessons that stand out for me.

### You can't out-give God.

If I heard him say this once, I heard it a hundred times. Dad constantly gave God the credit for his financial success and he took his stewardship very seriously. He actually borrowed money from the bank to catch up on his giving after falling behind on one occasion. He was convinced that when we put first things first, the second, third and one hundredth would be cared for.



### God is sovereign.



I used to joke that no matter what you began discussing with Dad, the conversation always veered toward one topic: the sovereignty of God.

But the more life experience I accumulate, the more I realize he was right! Everything *does* boil down to the fact that God is in control.

In my experience, more kids surrender to Jesus and make significant spiritual decisions at camp than at any other youth ministry event. Just yesterday I was with a group of kids from a local school in Calgary who were sponsored to go to Camp Chamisall. One of the boys who met Jesus at camp last summer said this: "When it was time to go home I cried because I didn't want to leave." When kids are together 24 hours a day for almost a week, having some of the most fun they have ever had, while being loved by staff who serve Jesus, and clearly hearing the message of God's love for them in a way that is understandable, students' lives are forever changed! And together, we get to play a significant part in that life change!

I was able to share to life changing good news about Jesus with those boy from YC because of the great team of Straight Talk supporters. Those boys were prayed for by many of you without either of you ever knowing it. I am convinced your prayers played a significant part in them meeting and following Jesus! Thank you for being a part of the Straight Talk team.

This summer I am going to be speaking at four youth camps and two family camps. I will get to spend a concentrated time with about 700 students and 250 or more mixed adults and kids this summer. Would you please pray that God would pour His Spirit out on those camps and that many would surrender to Him for the first time. Pray that those who already know Jesus would be drawn much closer. Please also pray for energy, wisdom, strength and Holy Spirit guidance for me as I speak at each camp.



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## Serving God is the most important thing you can do with your life.



Whether you, like my dad, are in the marketplace or in ministry, like Randy and me- every decision should be made with eternity in mind.

These lessons inform my choices. I remember being caught off guard when Randy and I received Dad's unreserved blessing to start a new "faith" ministry called Straight Talk, so that we would have the freedom to travel and speak. I was surprised because Dad had stayed at the same secure job almost his entire career. Yet while others questioned the practicality of relying on the generous giving of others for our living, Dad affirmed our calling and our faith.

Over the 20 years Straight Talk has existed, we have seen the power contained in these three principles Dad taught and lived by. We see God's provision, providence and empowering year after year. Your giving has afforded us the freedom to serve God with the majority of our time. I want to thank you for being the conduit of God's blessing to us through your giving, and the pipeline to his power through your prayer. We share with you the legacy of *heart change, life change*.

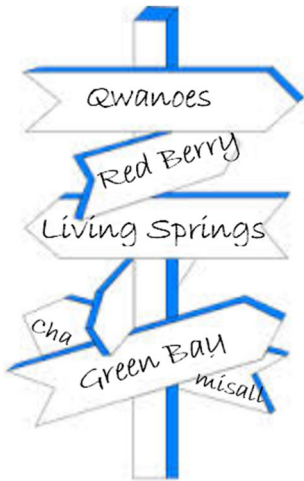
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