

Generational Transmission of Faith

Decoding the Torah: Season 2

Core Message: This teaching explores how two laws from the Torah—the ban on leaven during Passover and the sanctification of the firstborn—carry deep spiritual meaning for believers today. The removal of leaven symbolizes the purification of our hearts from sin, particularly pride, and highlights the importance of self-awareness in our walk with God. Sanctifying the firstborn underscores God's ownership of our lives and calls us to give Him our best. Additionally, the command to tell the story of the Exodus to our children illustrates the vital role of generational faith transmission. Believers are challenged to live holy, God-centered lives and actively pass their faith to future generations..

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (2 Corinthians 13:1) Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!**
 - (Exodus 12:15) "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel."
 - (1 Corinthians 5:6) "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?"
 - (Exodus 13:2) "Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."
 - (Luke 22:19) "And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'"
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "Leaven in the Scripture is a symbol of sin, especially of _____."
- "Just a little bit of leaven will cause that whole lump of dough to _____ up."
- "Self-awareness is a pathway for _____ in the Holy Spirit."
- "God owns us. He has a _____ right over our lives."
- "Let's pass on our _____ to our children and our grandchildren."
- "We need to let our children pick up from us, by osmosis, a true biblical _____ faith."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

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Reflection Questions:

1. What "leaven" (areas of pride or sin) might God be seeking to remove from your life?

2. How can spending time in the Word of God help you cultivate greater self-awareness in your spiritual walk? Will you add or continue this discipline in your life?

3. What has God given to you as the "firstborn" or first fruits of your life and how can they be dedicated to God?

4. How are you currently passing down your faith to your children or spiritual heirs?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Every day this week, spend five quiet minutes in self-examination before God, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any "leaven" in your heart that needs to be removed.

(Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Confess your desire to hear and be true to God.
- Thank the Lord for owning your life and guiding your path.
- Pray for the grace to pass your faith to your children and grandchildren.

Resources	Where to find it
Decoding the Torah: Ancient Wisdom for a Modern World by Rabbi K.A. Schneider	https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/decoding-the-torah/

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (NASB 95’)