

Know what you're FOR Part 4: FOR Your Team

Lets focus on the “**Team**”... *we spend most of our waking hours in the marketplace with our employees and coworkers, who become more than a team. We celebrate together, challenge each other, and encourage each other...in many ways they are our extended family.*

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Regardless of your work situation or where you are in life, we all have various “Teams” - whether it's our family, roommates, staff, a group of close friends, our small group at Sandals, or even our neighborhood. For most of us, these are simply called relationships. For the sake of this study, you can either keep a specific team in mind or consider a broader perspective of the various relationships in your life. Either way works.

In the book **FOR**, Jeff Henderson talks about the following in relationship to leaving a legacy:

Truett Cathy died in September 2014. As Jeff reflected on his life, he realized he wanted to leave a legacy like Truett...or legacy like his friends Sid and Ann Mashburn. Sid and Ann are married entrepreneurs who own and operate an independent clothing store. She sells women's clothing, and he sells men's clothing. What he loves about Sid and Ann isn't that they are super successful - in fact, success is just a side note for them. He loves that Sid and Ann see their roles as shop owners and retailers as *taking care of people*.

Sid and Ann's mission in life is to provide *hopefulness* and *helpfulness* each and every day – first to their team, and then to their customers. They say, “*a question we ask ourselves is, how do we enhance someone's life? We believe hopefulness and helpfulness is the way. This isn't a business philosophy; It's a life philosophy.*” Jeff added that this is also the legacy that they are leaving behind.

Keeping this example in mind, let's consider the legacy we were leaving behind as we reflect on the following questions:

- How would you define the word legacy? What does it mean to you?
- Now go back to the previous months studies where you defined your answers to the following questions and rewrite your answers below.
 - What are you for?
 - What do you want to be known for?
 - What is your life strategy (purpose + actions = strategy)?
- What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind? What do you hope people will say about you someday?

- What Jeff Henderson learned from Ann and Sid is that people are drawn to humility when it is displayed in the workplace. The same is true with kindness, hopefulness, and helpfulness. These are the “soft skills” that can make all the difference in our success in the workplace, in our careers, and in our lives. What “soft skills” are you known for in your relationships?
- How have your “soft skills” contributed to making a difference in the lives of others?
- What “soft skills” do you admire the most in your colleagues, your family members, your friends and your neighbors? *(Take a few moments this week to send a text or let them know face to face what you admire most about the way they show up to the world.)*

Read John 4:1-42. In the story Jesus gives the Samaritan woman at the well a chance to redefine her legacy. In essence, it's as though he's saying, “Your past doesn't define who you have the potential to become today.” As we trust in Jesus, he gives us the opportunity to leave a new legacy if we pay attention to him and to the relationships he's placed around us. Close by thanking God for his legacy through Jesus, and thank God for giving you the opportunity to leave the kind of legacy that makes a difference in your relationships.