

A Lasting Gift

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1 Samuel 12:16-25

Marge is part of a prayer group that meets with me every Saturday morning. She often says, "Pastor, I may not be able to do what I once could, but I can still pray." I quickly respond, "That's the best thing you can do."

The aged Samuel was getting ready to step out of the limelight of leadership. I wonder if he felt rejected because the Israelites chose to have a king rule over them instead. Once Saul was in place, they started to have some misgivings. In their desperation, they pleaded with Samuel to pray for them. He could have said, "It's too late now. You made your decision; now you're just going to have to live with it." But instead, this humble servant said, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you" (v. 23a).

There will come a time in each of our lives when we need to pass the baton of faith to the generation coming behind us. What kind of legacy will we leave? No matter how limited our physical abilities may be, we can still give the church our best gift—we can pray.

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