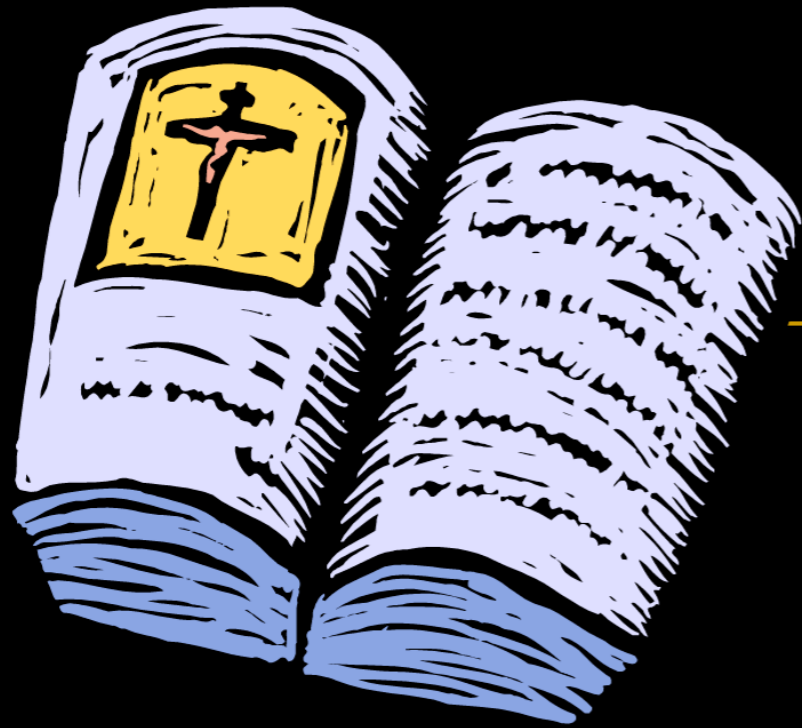


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# Grandparent Ministry



Lesson 1

Grandparenting Today

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# Mission



- Supporting Spirit-led Christian grandparents to evangelize, equip and encourage the future generations of believers and leaders for the Kingdom of God.
  - This course is designed to be part of a focused effort for encourage, enable and inspire the intentional engagement of grandparents to support the parent's role of raising God seeking, fearing and following children.
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# About Kirk...

- Married in 1991
- Alex (30), Lauren (27)
- Arrived to Northern VA in 2000
- Retired Air Force
- Grandparents to Perseus since March 2017



The Streitmater Family

# About Jim...

- Married in 1995
- Ashleigh (24), Caitlyn (22), Lauren (20), Natalie (18)
- Software Engineer
- Grandparents to Declan since February 2022



Clingenpeel Gentlemen



# Big Idea



- Grandparent's today must **understand** the culture and have an **engagement** strategy for **intentional** discipleship and transmitting the gospel.
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## Legacy Coalition Video

<https://legacycoalition.com/>

- “We are starting to recognize that it will not be the White House that changes our nation. It will be my house, our house, our homes. And here we can have influence and touch our grandchildren with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”
  - “Kids want to be fed, they want to know the word of God. They want to know that they are special...there's no way I am going to let the enemy have my grandchildren.”
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**There are 30 million  
of us Christian  
grandparents in the  
United States alone.  
Think of what we  
could do if we could  
unleash all of that  
potential influence.**

**Larry Fowler, Legacy Coalition**



*Robert Doisneau  
Getty Images*

# Participation

## Introductions

- Name
- Grandparent “handle”
- Current number of grandchildren
- A grandparent memory?

Two minutes

*Plagiarizing ideas is encouraged!*

*Your participation and feedback is invaluable*

*Your age appropriate resource recommendations will help build out a large body of source material*

*Please respect the privacy of others related to topics discussed (always ask for permission to share)*



# Handouts

## GRANDPARENTING TODAY

BIG IDEA

Grandparent's today must \_\_\_\_\_ the culture and have an \_\_\_\_\_ strategy for \_\_\_\_\_ discipleship and transmitting the gospel.

### Topic Questions

- What is your best grandparent memory?
- What is the slope of your line?

### Objectives

Appreciate the current status of grandparenting in the United States

Recognize good, neutral and bad characteristics of grandparenting today

Identify the varied and challenging situations facing many of the families that are part of the course offering that might be similar or different from your own

### Key Verse

Is 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.

### Outline

Legacy Coalition Video

Course Mission and Objective

Introductions

Biblical Basis

Statistics and Demographics

Expectations for the Class

What is one intentional action or follow-up?

### Resources

Grandparenting with Grace by Larry McCall

Legacy Coalition Video

- [\(301\) Legacy Coalition Mission 1 – YouTube](#)

Course Introduction Video

- [Weekly Lessons - hagiozo.net](#)

### Intentional Action or Follow-up

+ *something to add...*

- *something to take away or reduce...*

## Lesson 1 Scripture

Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children **and** your children's children.

Deuteronomy 4:9

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## Some Facts



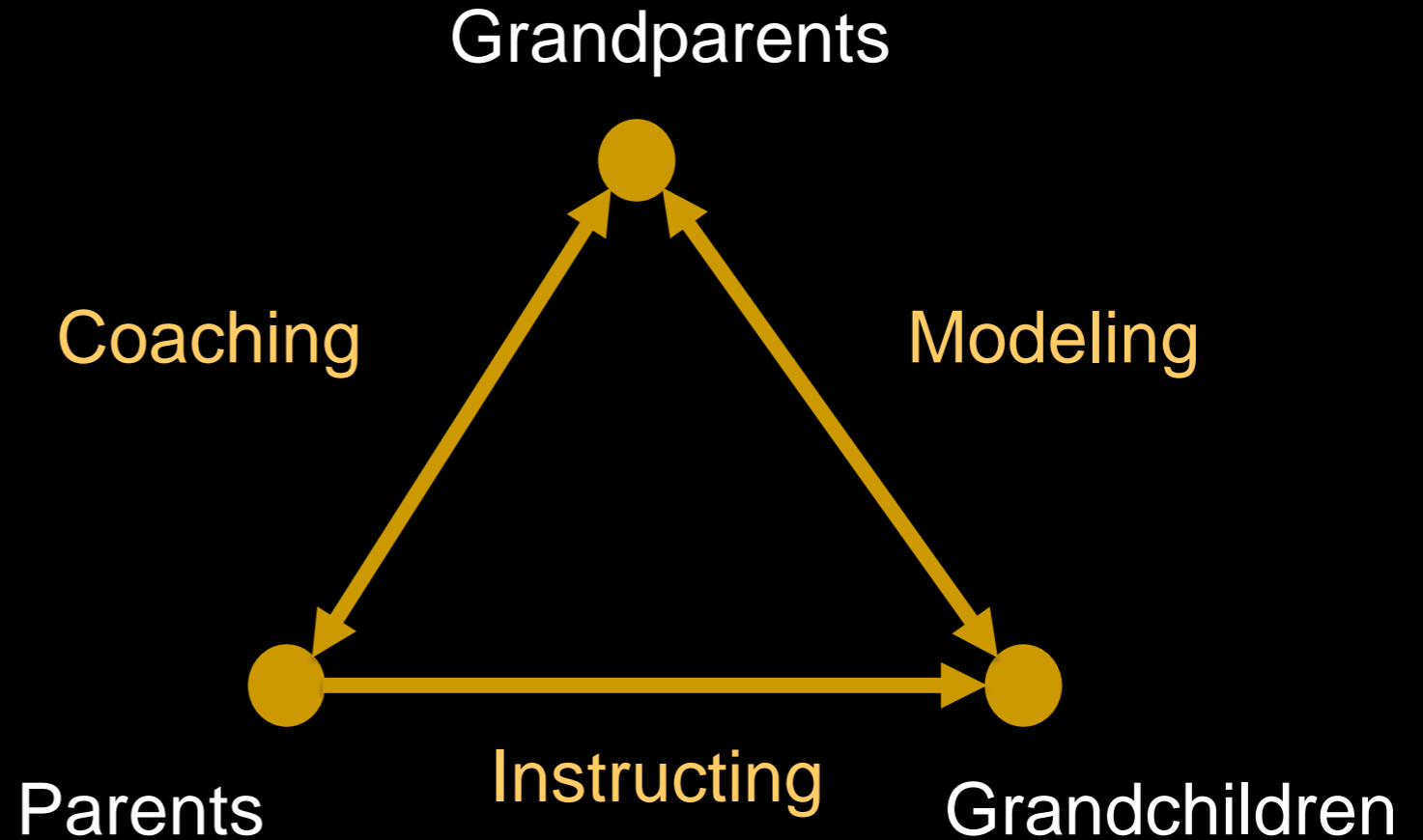
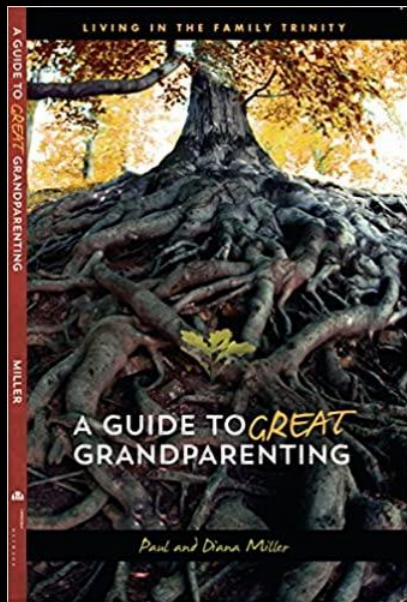
- Most Americans (83%) ages 65 and older say they have grandchildren at 50 – 64 it drops to 52%
- More grandparents are living with a grandchild. About 7 million (2013) up from 5.8 million (2000)
- About 10% of all children live in a household with a grandparent
- About one-third of those children also have two parents in the home
- Over 50% of adult attendees at Immanuel include people 50 years and older

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2014/demo/p20-576.html>

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/09/13/5-facts-about-american-grandparents/>

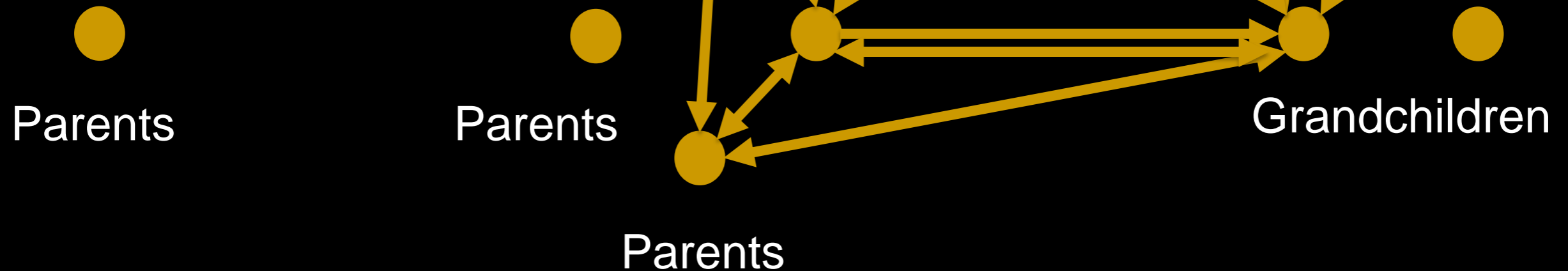
# The Family Trinity

A three generation unit built around three different but complementary relationships.



# The “Real” Family Trinity (in process)

Often a complex, multi-generation and non-nuclear unit built around many different and evolving relationships.



# Our Approach



1. *Cover a key topic/chapter*
2. *Introduce One Big Idea*
3. *Identify Available Resources*
4. *Encourage Intentional Action*

*We will all have unique goals!*

# Outline of the course Today



- Grandparenting Today – The Current State of Affairs
- What do I believe and how do I teach it? Articulating and Teaching a Christian Worldview
- Learning about Grandchildren from God (GwG Ch 1)
- My Grandchild Needs a Savior (GwG Ch 2)
- Developing God-Honoring Relationships with My Grandchildren’s Parents (GwG Ch 3)
- Intentional Grandparenting (GwG Ch 4)
- The Power of a Praying Grandparent (GwG Ch 5)
- Gospel Grandparenting in Today’s Culture (GwG Ch 6)
- How Do I leave a Godly Legacy? (GwG Ch 7)
- A Call to Action - Commitments and Plans going Forward + *and perhaps an online visit with Larry!*

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

*February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

## Praying for you

Hi, Kirk and Tom.

Just wanted you to know that I'm excited to see you launch the grandparenting class this weekend there at Immanuel. I'll be praying for much fruit in the lives of the grandparents, their extended families and the church.

Feel free to pass along updated praises and requests as you have time and assure the grandparents in your class that they are being prayed for.

Thanks!

In His amazing grace,

Larry E. McCall

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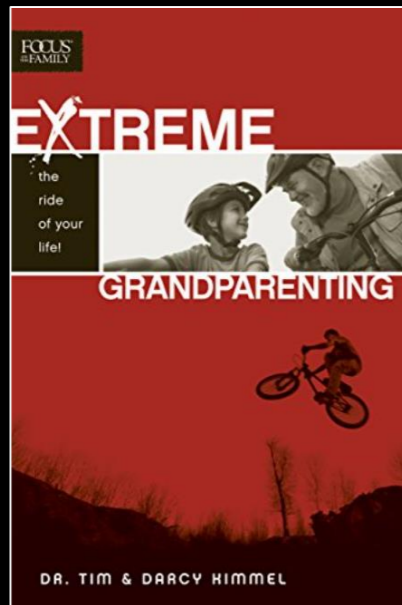
# Supporting Text

## Courageous Grandparenting

*Building a Legacy Worth Outliving You*  
By Cavin Harper



*The Course will draw insights from these Grandparenting Resources as well as other online and physical material*



## Extreme Grandparenting

*The Ride of Your Life!*  
By Tim & Darcy Kimmel



## A Guide to Great Grandparenting

By Paul and Diana Miller

# Legacy Coalition

- <https://legacycoalition.com/>



**WEEKLY WEBINAR – Mondays 8pm EST**  
Conversations about Intentional Christian Grandparenting: From our presenters each week, you'll learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith and overcome obstacles.

## Free Resource Posted on the Website

A promotional graphic for an ebook. At the top left, the author's name "WAYNE RICE" is displayed in a light blue box. Below this, the title "Shorten the Distance Between You and Your Grandchildren" is written in a large, bold, white font on a teal background. Underneath the title is a photograph of a man and a young girl interacting. The man is on the left, holding a smartphone, and the girl is on the right, looking at the phone. A small Legacy Coalition logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the photo. To the right of the title and photo, the text "Don't miss this FREE Resource" is written in a bold, white font. Below this, two paragraphs of text describe the ebook's content. At the bottom right, there is a red button with the text "GET THE DOWNLOAD" and a right-pointing arrow.

WAYNE RICE

### Shorten the Distance Between You and Your Grandchildren

**Don't miss this FREE Resource**

One of the heartbreaks of grandparenting is being apart from your grandchildren for long periods of time. Perhaps they live far away, or maybe a strained relationship is the cause. ... Or perhaps a global health crisis is preventing you from being close to your grandchildren.

No matter the reason, we have some great ideas on how to grow those relationships and keep them strong. Check out our free ebook, *Shorten the Distance Between You and Your Grandchildren*.

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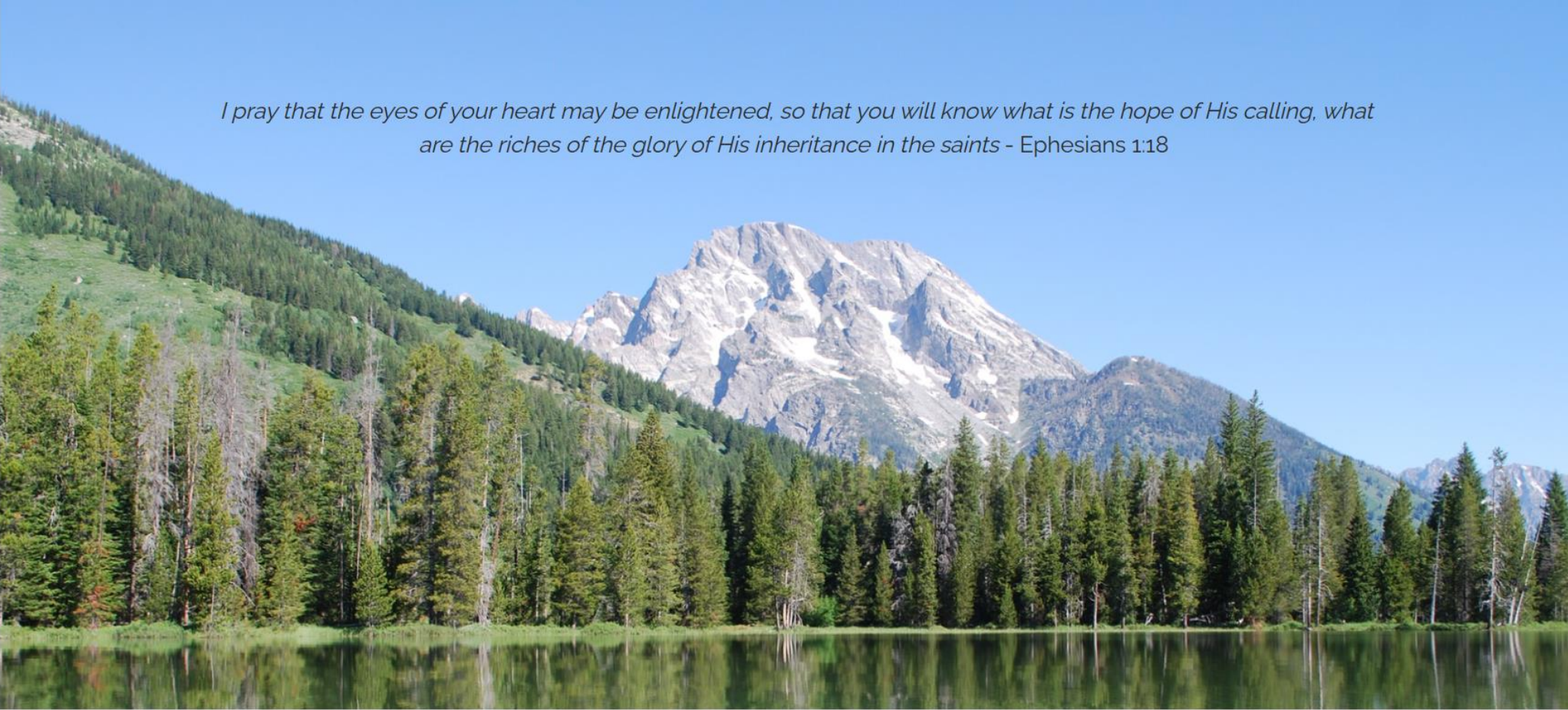
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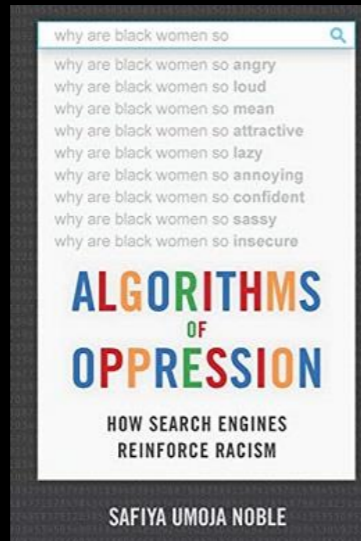


*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints - Ephesians 1:18*

# Intentional awareness...

The Social Dilemma  
Netflix Documentary

## Algorithms of Oppression



### ■ Trailer

- If you aren't paying for the product, you are the product

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaaC57tcci0>

### ■ Today Show Interview

- Separated our intention from our **attention**

- Mass hypnosis psychology experiment

- Responses are based on profiles

- *Family exercise: try swapping phones*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOL35bOCDWU>