

FAITH

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The evidence of the unseen

Faith Defined:

1. Confident Expectation in the Presence, Power, and Provision of the Unseen God (**Faith in the Person of God**).
2. Absolute Belief and Trust in the Command of God (**Faith in the Word of God**).

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Hebrews 11:20-23 (NLT)

Faith Prophecies

Three Levels of Prophecy:

1. Scriptural

A divine declaration or description or representation of something future, beyond the power of human ability to foresee or discern.

2. Spiritual Gift

³ But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. - 1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV)

3. Parental

Speaking life-giving and insightful encouragement regarding your child's future.

Faith speaks to the future of the family at the:

1. Individual Level
2. Tribal Level
3. National Level

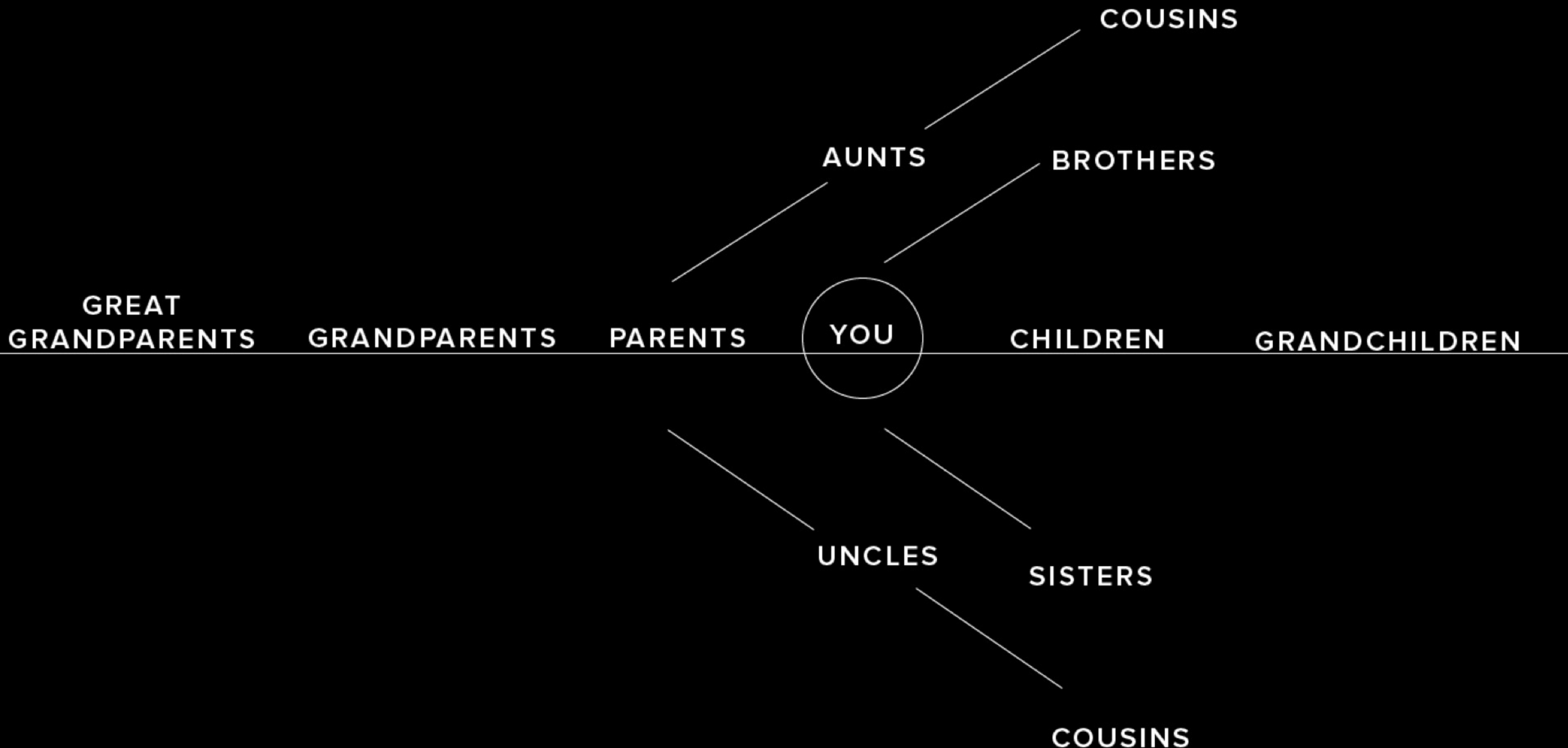
(J.B. Phillips)

Faith Prophetically Shapes Our Generations

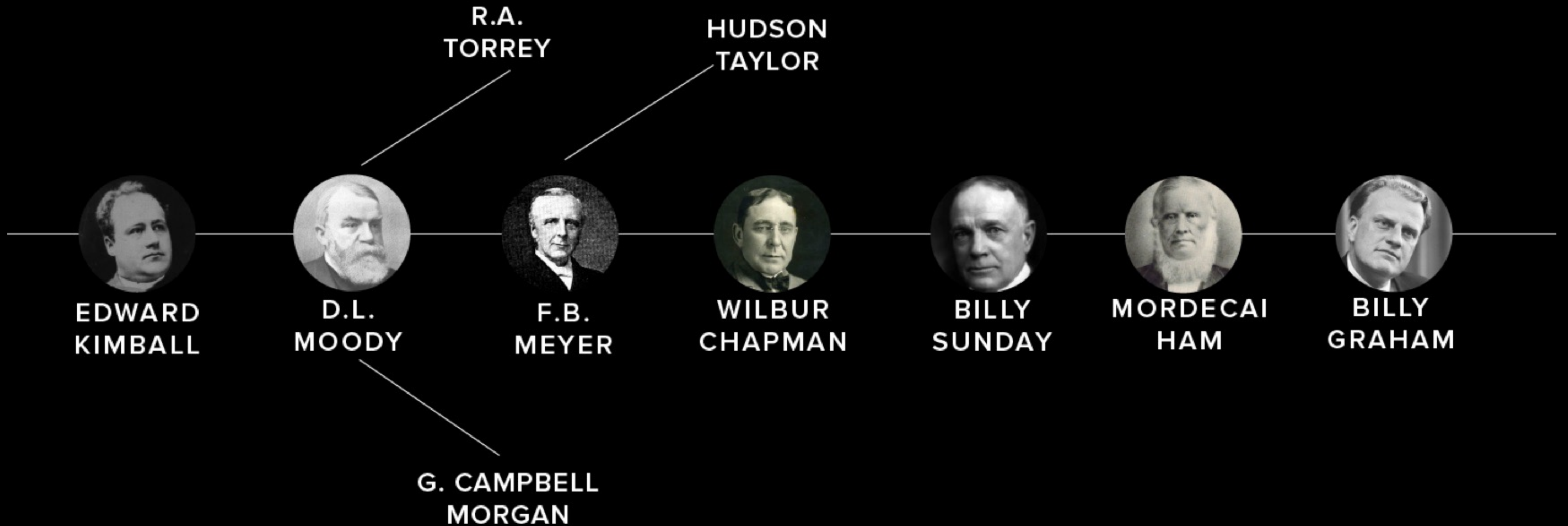
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Hebrews 11:20, 22-23 (NLT)

NATURAL FAMILY TREE



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Hebrews 11:20-21, 23 (NLT)

SUSANNA WESLEY

Mother of John and Charles Wesley

“The Mother of Methodism”

1669-1742



In 1711, Susanna’s husband, Samuel, was on an extended ministry trip. In his absence, Susanna cared for the spiritual well-being of her family by leading Sunday afternoon prayer gatherings for her ten children, including John and Charles Wesley, who were 8 and 4 at the time.

“I thought it my duty to spend some part of the day in reading to and instructing my family.” Others began to join them. Soon this “family devotion time” was drawing 40-50 people to her kitchen. Susanna would read a sermon and lead in worship.

John and Charles Wesley would go on to start the Methodist movement. Lay people sharing small devotions and women serving in ministry were staples of the early Methodist movement.

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The Promise Was Passed Down to the Children:

1. The parents play a major role in passing down the promise.
2. The parents must live out their convictions in the promises for their family.
3. The parents must pray and believe beyond their generation.

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1. God's Promises Complete, They Don't Compete

²⁰ It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. - Hebrews 11:20 (NLT)

2. God's Promises Are Insightful, Not Hurtful

²¹ It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff. - Hebrews 11:21 (NLT)

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3. God's Promises Are Liberating, Not Denigrating

²² It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.

- Hebrews 11:22 (NLT)

4. God's Promises Preserve Us, They Don't Destroy Us

²³ It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.

- Hebrews 11:23 (NLT)