

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Our two sons, Bryan and Bryndan, are serving God in ministry. Bryan is a pastor in \_\_\_\_\_, and Bryndan \_\_\_\_\_. I'll never forget one of the times I went to hear Bryndan preach. At the time, he was preparing for the ministry at Moody Bible Institute, and he was preaching at a church here in Chicago. As I listened to him, my eyes filled with tears. I thought of the times when the kids were young and the family devotions we shared, the individual Bible studies we had together, the times that I had to ask them to forgive me because I'd blown it, and the times I was traveling and I prayed, "Please, God, don't let my kids grow up to be bitter because I have to be away." As I listened to Bryndan, it was as if the Lord spoke to my heart, "I've heard and answered those prayers." It was an incredible experience, and it continues to be as I see our children, particularly our sons, who have chosen to do the same thing dear old Dad is doing today.

You know, as Christians we all influence others one way or another. So we have to make sure we're being good models.

The Apostle Paul was aware of his responsibility as a leader to be a model. There were people checking him out. So he makes this incredible declaration in 1 Corinthians chapter 11, verse 1; "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." He doesn't stop with "Be imitators of me. Period." No, it's "Be imitators of me just as I also am of Christ."

Here's what I want you to remember today. Others are watching what we do and how we live. Let's follow hard after Christ so that we can have a life worth following.