**LTCL 2025 Week 8 CF Notes:**

**Slide 3** - Rocking Chair Reflections

CRAIG - Joe shared some intentional things he’s doing, now..​

Picture yourself with one of your life long friends sitting on a porch somewhere on a ranch with some sweet Texas tea with actual time on your hands to reflect on things. If blessed with a long life, what would you want said about you, maybe as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, employee, boss, co-worker, friend, citizen, fellow Christian? ​

**Slide 4** - Dr. Alfred Nobel, The Merchant of Death is Dead! (Newspaper obituary graphic)

CRAIG - Alfred Nobel had a legacy and it was not a good legacy. ​

Alfred Nobel’s father ran a munitions factory and his son Alfred, was famous for developing new types of explosives. He had 355 patents related to explosives and in 1867 he invented dynamite. When he wrote his first will, Alfred was hugely wealthy and owned nearly 100 factories that made explosives and munitions.​

In 1888, Alfred’s brother Ludvig had died in France from a heart attack. Thanks to poor reporting, at least one French newspaper believed that it was Alfred who had perished, and it proceeded to write a scathing obituary that branded him a “merchant of death” who had grown rich by developing new ways to “mutilate and kill.” The error was later corrected, but not before Alfred had the unpleasant experience of reading his own death notice. The incident may have brought on a crisis of conscience and led him to reevaluate his career.​

In fewer than 1,000 handwritten words, Alfred outlined a new will with a plan to devote the vast majority of his estate a series of prizes for “those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind. ”Alfred was also know as Alfred Nobel and that’s how we got the Nobel Peace Prize. He turned his legacy around. ​

**​Slide 5** - Legacy

CRAIG - Legacy is defined as something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor from the past. Whether you are 15 year old or 70 years old, we are building our legacy. As leaders, parents, and friends, we don’t truly know if the words we share and life we lead have been received until we see those messages being lived out in others. The important lessons in life can’t just be taught – they must be caught. Ideally we don’t want to have to live Alexander Hamilton’s declaration that we’re “… planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.” If we’re lucky we’ll get to see those at least some of those lessons or seeds grow in those we lead and teach.​

There are several other related truths. First, We need to know exactly what a legacy is and why we want to create it. ​

Second, There will be no legacy if no seeds are ever planted. ​

Third, just like in a garden, the seeds don’t bloom overnight. ​

On the road to fulfilling your own purpose in life, we have to be intentional about bringing others along for the ride. Are you building a legacy or just hoping for one to materialize? Alexander Hamilton had his life cut short. What legacy building measures should you enact while you still have yours?​

**Slide 6** - Become An Intentional Eternal Influencer

CRAIG - *New quote to include? Leadership is about influence. Everyone influences someone. Therefore, in a sense, everyone is a leader. Sociologists tell us that even the most introverted individual will influence 10,000 other people during his or her lifetime.*​

We live in a noisy and distracting world. Social media and YouTube influencers are all the rage. And through it all God whispers to us, guides us and leads us to become intentional eternal influencers. He calls us an influencers to go and make disciples and to love Him and love others. So we’ve come full circle back to the Great Commandment and Great Commission. And he’s calling us to be intentional. You did through developing your Life Plan. And the actions you take will ripple through eternity and the seeds you plant will grow into sturdy oaks of righteousness. And one day you will hear well done good and faithful servant. ​

**Slide 10** - A-Has

CRAIG - Big Group​
Share A-HAs ​

**Slide 17** - Have A Testimony to Share?

CRAIG – (Send to email on screen)

**Slide 19 - Bake it a great day! (Cake plate goodies graphic)**

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Great job, everyone! Thank you so much for your hard work and sharing tonight! AS we get ready to hear from tonight’s ministry leader, we are now going to pass out the goodies that Scott brought us to celebrate!