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Pondering the implications of a decision that was made long ago on one of the archipelago islands of the Kingdom of Tonga: My grandfather left home to live with an aunt. She was an aunt who was married to a foreigner, an Adventist man (and to this day I don’t know what took him to Tonga), who raised my grandfather Samisoni as an Adventist. Three generations later, I am sitting in my living room in Mount Vernon, Washington, thousands of miles away from Tonga’s sandy beaches and coconut trees where this all began; looking at my wife, Jackie, and our three little ones; amazed at the Hand of God. That a simple decision made years ago, has poured positive benefits into my life that warms the heart and brings joy to life. Of course, along the way everyone has had to make their own decisions. My father and mother made the decision to get married and God blessed their union. They decided to leave the islands in hope of a better future and came to America. It was there in Riverside, California, that I joined the Langi family roster.

Today, I have been privileged to have been raised in an Adventist home with the generational blessing of this “Movement.” Now to pass that blessing on will be a challenge and it sure is a fearful task as a parent, but a humble calling as a pastor. My wife and I have made our commitment to God and to His Church, and I can only imagine the great things God will do as a result of our daily decisions and continual commitment.
Recalibrate

1. Have you given God something to work with in your life?
2. What area in your life are you most hopeful/excited to see God work in?
3. What decision can you make today that will become a “generational blessing”?
4. What decision have you made in the past that has become a “generational curse” that you need to ask God to forgive and break?

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