



A Legacy of Obedience

If we are committed to following Christ, the daily choices we make are more significant than we realize. Our choices not only make an impact at the time we make them but also influence the future. Our choices become our legacy, the example of Christian living that we leave behind.

Rashin remembers her father, Hossein Soodmand, as a loving pastor who faithfully shared Jesus and God's love with others. Hossein's ministry in one of Iran's most intensely Muslim cities was noticed not only by the religious police but also by ordinary people. Many believed after hearing his testimony, and he was executed because of his faithfulness.

Can you imagine how you, as a young teenager like Rashin, might have responded if your father had been abducted without warning and executed by the

government because he shared the truth about God? Try to imagine the shock Rashin felt when other pastors she knew — the very ones who helped care for her family — were kidnapped, imprisoned and killed as well.

Rashin did not abandon her faith when her father was martyred. Instead, she was proud of her father's choices and the example of faithful obedience he had left behind. Inspired by him, she wrote a letter to God, promising to carry on the faith and legacy her father had passed on to her. She said she could not have survived the time following her father's execution without God's presence, love, grace and mercy, and she can still feel God's presence with her as she continues in faith.

Reflection and Response

We don't know the influence our faith legacy may have in the future, but considering it is wise.

What legacy of faithfulness and endurance has Jesus left for us to follow? Read Hebrews 12:1–3.

As you are embraced by God's love, surrounded by his grace and mercy and unseparated from his presence, what commitment are you willing to make to God about how you will live out your faith today? Read Romans 8:35–39.

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