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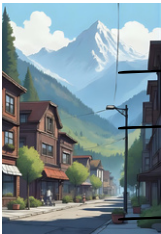
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Introducing Solace Grove

Solace Grove isn't a real town. It's a model we use to think through how legacy actually moves between people. It's a town with streets, a coffee shop, a community garden, a main street with old buildings still standing. Inside that setting, you can watch what it looks like when legacy gets lived out day to day instead of handed down once and shelved.

A few ideas hold the model together.

__Legacy in Solace Grove runs both ways. The retired factory worker and the young urban planner each bring something the other one doesn't have, and neither conversation is just wisdom flowing downhill from old to young.

__Legacy includes the whole record. The great-grandmother who struggled with alcohol, the beloved teacher with blind spots, the business that did well but hurt the land__none of that gets edited out, because leaving it out is exactly what strips later generations of the information they need to choose differently.

__And legacy takes upkeep. You adapt Grandma's recipe to a grandchild's dietary needs while keeping the ritual of cooking together intact. You renovate the old buildings on Main Street while keeping their architecture recognizable.

What Solace Grove gives us is a picture of legacy as an ongoing conversation rather than something finished and inherited. That picture is useful scaffolding for a bigger question: What does it actually mean to become a Legacent — someone putting a life's worth of experience to work as mentorship and contribution while still around to see what it does?

*Solace Grove doesn't answer that question outright.
It just gives us a town-sized look at the terrain it sits in.*



What is Legacy?

Legacy is often thought of as what we leave behind after we are gone. Actually, it is much more than that. Legacy is both an outcome and an active process. It is about the useful what's you gift to others so they can learn from your experiences, shaping their own journey in meaningful ways. These useful what's include time, effort, and money, all of which can be allocated intentionally while you are still living.

Legacy is about how you live today. Instead of thinking about your legacy later. The truth is, legacy is built/grown in real-time. Every interaction, decision, and contribution you make shapes how others will remember, learn from, and carry forward your impact/influence.

Legacy is wholversical—a term that embraces the whole and the versatile nature of legacy within all intergenerational conversations about conservation. Conservation extends beyond ecology/environment. It's about not wasting resources, especially time, effort, and money.

Each generation inherits knowledge, systems, and values from those before them, and what they do with these resources determine what the next generation will receive. Legacy serves as the bridge between protecting what is valuable and adapting for the future. Whether it involves safeguarding cultural traditions, passing down ethical leadership, or pioneering sustainability initiatives, legacy is crucial in ensuring progress occurs without unnecessary waste or loss of wisdom.

This makes legacy a conversation. It is a shared responsibility that extends beyond individuals to families, communities, and society as a whole.

It is living intentionally while shaping a future that honours the past, values the present, and creates meaningful pathways for those who come next.

What's your legacy? The answer lies in what you decide to do now.

I Stopped Wasting Days After This Experience

Maria had always been a baker who believed in good ingredients, careful timing, and making enough for everyone. In Solace Grove, people know her for the breads that came out of the oven early in the morning and the way she seemed to remember exactly how each person liked their crust.

What people knew less about was how often Maria felt that her days disappeared.

She would start with a list. Then another thing would appear. A message. An errand. Something that needed fixing. Someone who needed an answer. By evening, she could look back and wonder where the day had gone.

She had grown used to saying, “Tomorrow.”

Then she read the Legacent magazine.

Maria wasn't looking for a life-changing idea. She was sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of tea, waiting for dough to rise. She read several pieces that caught her attention, then tried a few of the suggestions.

The first was simple: pay attention to what actually gives the day meaning. So she started keeping track.

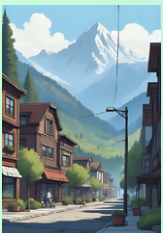
She noticed that some things she considered productive left her tired and irritable. Other things, which looked small on paper, changed the whole character of her day. A conversation with her daughter. Taking time to watch the birds outside the bakery window. Writing down something she was grateful to have noticed. Walking over to see a neighbour rather than sending a message.

She also tried putting her own words around the day.

That surprised her. Instead of asking,
“What do I have to get done today?”

Maria began asking, “How do I want to live this day?”

She didn't abandon her responsibilities. She simply stopped allowing them to define the entire day..



Soon, Maria developed a small morning ritual. Before turning on the ovens, she wrote three or four words describing how she wanted to show up. Curious. Generous. Playful. Present.

Some days those words worked beautifully. Other days the bread burned. She laughed about that. The experiment became less about controlling her days and more about noticing them.

A few weeks later, Walter stopped by the bakery and asked Maria how things were going.

She smiled.

“My days feel longer,” she said.

Walter raised an eyebrow. “You found more hours?”

“No. I found more of the day.”

That became Maria's quiet discovery.

She had spent years measuring a good day by what she accomplished.

Now she measured it by what she expressed, experienced, and shared.

“My days are filled with joy,” she told Walter, “in my words, on my terms, all while seeing smiles on the faces of family and friends.”

She paused, then added, “I still have lists.”

Walter laughed.

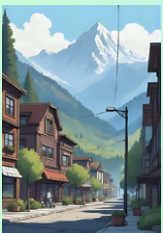
“So do I.”

Maria looked toward the bakery door as her granddaughter came in, smiling at the smell of fresh bread.

For once, Maria didn't think about what she needed to do next.

She simply enjoyed what was already happening.

That was the experiment she decided to keep.



An Introduction: Walter Hibbot's Legacent Conversation Prompts

An Introduction

Some men spend a lifetime outdoors and come back with stories about weather, rivers, trails, close calls, and the people they met along the way.

Walter Hibbot came back with something else. [A map.](#)

At seventy-one, after decades of outdoor work, Walter found himself facing a question he had managed to avoid for quite some time: *What comes next?* He didn't arrive at that question feeling lost or broken. He arrived with a lifetime of experience, stories, skills, relationships, and lessons that had accumulated over the years without ever being gathered into one place.

Then he sat down with twelve strangers he would eventually call the Path Finders. Through a facilitated *Guided Conversation: Legacent*, they asked **questions** of each other. Walter answered some easily. Others took longer. A few got under his skin in ways he hadn't expected. From the conversations, something began to happen. Experience started becoming visible to him.

__//|| He journalled!

He found 13 prompt statements in his journal that he thought would be important for facilitating a Guided Conversation: Legacent.

AND after moving to Solace Grove, meeting Lone, and walking in Awarests, he asked Penne, the Community Center Manager, to facilitate the Legacent Initiative (The Legacent Quest) at the center? **It was time to test!**

He wanted to look across what he lived through, sort through it (again), question it, edit it (as in add, alter, delete), and discover what might still have somewhere to go, while educating others 60+ to do the same along their Legacent Quest!

Also, these questions arrived (to start):
What did all those years actually teach me?
What matters enough to carry forward?
What belongs to the past?
What remains unfinished?
Who might I still become?



Walter's five of thirteen prompts outlined in this issue* give us a chance to experience his/our movement. Because we see a man gathering the pieces of his experience, giving them names, testing what they mean, and deciding what deserves another life through him.

There is nothing heroic about the process.
However, it is thoughtful. Sometimes awkward.
Occasionally surprising. Always human.

Read Walter's reflections slowly. Let the questions sit with you.
You may recognize some of your own unfinished thinking along the way.
Consider taking up the Legacent Quest__

SWH Editor

*The additional eight in the next two issues!

- Legacent
- Being Natural
- Between
- Sense



I Didn't Need Fixing. I Needed a Map.

Journal (edit):

I'd braced myself, walking in, for a program that was going to fix whatever had gone quiet in me since my role ended. That's what most of these things are, or at least how they're marketed—restore your relevance, rediscover your purpose, reinvent yourself into someone new__rescript, reimagine, re, re, re!

Instead, the first thing anyone asked was for my first name. Nothing else. No ask of what I used to do, no title to lean on. It felt strange for about four seconds, then like relief.

Nobody in that room told me anything was wrong with me. What they said, plainly, was that there wasn't anything to fix. Just decades of experience that hadn't been organized yet, and a room being built specifically to encourage that organizing.

The facilitators shared a rough shape of where the next months would go—five stages, each with its own work—and told us that we didn't need to understand any of it yet. Today was just the doorway.

I didn't leave that first session with anything in my hands. No worksheet, no workbook page filled in. What I left with was harder to name and more important than any of that: a felt sense that this room was actually safe to keep showing up in, for whatever came next.

They told us we'd use that same simple name-ritual again on the last day.
Hmmm?

For you:

What does the prompt: “I Didn't Need Fixing. I Needed a Map.” mean to you?
Take each word, words in combinations, two sentences,
and the question as a whole—dive into them!



I Noticed the Ground Had Shifted

Journal (edit):

I could have told you, for months, that things felt different. What I couldn't have told you was when, exactly, or what had actually shifted. It was a general sense of unfamiliar ground under my otherwise ordinary life.

One activity asked for something more specific than that, and more honest than the version I would have reached for on my own. Not the most dramatic account. The truest one.

My actual turning point, it turned out, was when I realized I had nowhere in particular to be by 7 a.m., and the realization landed harder than the actual goodbye had. “Thank goodness it arrived sooner than later.”

I'd almost talked myself out of that counting as a real turning point, because nothing dramatic happened that morning. No one would have noticed anything different about me from the outside. But it counted — the significance of a turning point was never about how it looked to anyone watching.

Naming that one specific morning, instead of a vague sense that things had shifted [pivoted], gave me something I hadn't had before: an actual line between before and after. Not the whole map yet. Just the point everything else could finally be measured from.

For you:

What does the prompt: “I Noticed the Ground Had Shifted” mean to you?
Take each word, words in combinations, and
the question as a whole—dive into them!



I Stopped Looking for the Old Path

Journal (edit):

For a while, all I could say was that everything felt different. True, and completely useless as a starting point. It didn't tell me what to do on an ordinary Thursday, or even Sunday.

The exercise that encouraged me was smaller and more specific than I expected: **map** three things. What's gone. What's still here. What's just starting to show up.

The first category came easily, almost too easily. I could have filled pages with what I'd lost, and some of it wasn't just the job title. It was the structure of my week, colleagues I saw daily without ever calling it a relationship, until it wasn't there anymore, a certainty about who I was that I hadn't noticed I was leaning on. The transition of my wife, Ardel!

The second category was harder, precisely because nothing there had shifted. I almost skipped it. But when I actually stopped to name what had carried through untouched—*a particular kind of curiosity, a specific way I paid attention to people*—I realized how much steadier ground I was actually standing on than the "everything is different" feeling had let me believe.

The third category was the faintest. A single conversation that had stuck with me longer than it should have. A small curiosity I hadn't acted on yet. Barely anything, really! Except it turned out to be where the next chapter was starting.

I stopped looking for the old path once I had a map of the new terrain, instead of just a sense of how unfamiliar it was.

For you:

What does the prompt: "I Stopped Looking for the Old Path." mean to you?

Take each word, words in combinations, and the question as a whole—dive into them!



I Stopped Introducing Myself by What I Used to Do

Journal (edit):

For months after my role ended, introductions felt oddly hollow. I'd say what I used to do, past tense, and watch the sentence land with less weight than it used to carry. It wasn't that I'd become nobody. It was that the word I used to reach for had quietly stopped fitting, and nothing had stepped in to replace it.

I assumed, at first, that I needed to reinvent myself. That is, build something new from nothing, the way the articles about "your second act" always seemed to suggest. That framing made the whole thing feel heavier than it needed to be, like homework I hadn't started.

What unfolded was a smaller, stranger question: What about me didn't end when the job did? Not my resume. The instincts, the curiosities, the way I paid attention to certain kinds of problems and appreciations. Hey, all of it is still there. Albeit underneath the silence where my old title used to sit.

I didn't write a clean statement that day. I wrote fragments—half-sentences, some of them still unfinished on the page. "I'm someone who notices patterns before anyone names them." "What hasn't changed is how much I care whether something actually helps." Rough, incomplete, and somehow more honest than anything polished would have been.

I needed to stop thinking of silence as emptiness and start putting rough words on something that had been forming the whole time.

For you:

What does the prompt: "I Stopped Introducing Myself by What I Used to Do." mean to you? Take each word, words in combinations, and the question as a whole—dive into them!



I Gave It a Name, and the Name Gave Me Direction

Journal (edit):

My draft Legacy Intention statement from a few weeks earlier was honest, as far as it went. It was also the kind of sentence I could have kept saying for years without “exploring what I want to contribute next.” True. Also, in its own quiet way, a way of not quite arriving__anywhere!

The test that broke that pattern was direct: what would be different tomorrow if I lived like this were true? I sat with that longer than I expected to. The honest answer was: nothing. Nothing would pivot tomorrow. Which meant, whatever else it was, it wasn't finished.

I rewrote it plainer and shorter than I wanted to. Plain enough that it embarrassed me to say out loud, which I've since learned is a sign it's landed rather than still being performed for an audience.

I was afraid to say it. Because it felt permanent. I was locking myself into a sentence I might not still believe in a year. **I wasn't.** What I was doing was giving myself enough solid ground to build something on, instead of circling the exploring stage indefinitely.

I said it once, out loud, to everyone. That was the moment it started being a direction.

For you:

What does the prompt: “I Gave It a Name, and the Name Gave Me Direction.” mean to you?
Take each word, words in combinations, and the question as a whole—dive into them!



LEGACENT

From the Hearthkeeper

A Legacent Is An Identity that grows into **view rather than a role one steps into.**

It forms quietly, through lived seasons, carries responsibilities, and gradually weaves experience into care for others. Many arrive here without a language for it. They sense a shift in how time feels, how decisions carry weight, how stories ask to be shared with greater intention.

Roles come with expectations. Identities arrive through recognition.

A Legacent lives from an inner alignment that has matured through practice rather than proclamation. This identity shows up in how balance is tended, how knowledge is held together, how values take shape in ordinary days, how outcomes are released, and how integrity steadies action. It carries authority without performance and influence without insistence.

This magazine exists to honour that way of being.

You will find language here, though language remains secondary. What matters more is recognition—seeing yourself reflected in the practices you already live, the questions you already carry, and the adjustments you already make. Becoming a Legacent rarely feels like becoming something new. It often feels like allowing something familiar to stride forward.

Each month invites this recognition. The pieces in this issue offer orientation for those who seek words and experience for those who prefer movement. Some readers will arrive through reflection, others through walking. Both paths matter. Both belong. As Heartkeeper, I invite you to read slowly. Pause where something resonates. Skip what does not. Carry forward what stays with you. Identity deepens through attention rather than effort. *Explore what MAKES means!*

If you find yourself selecting with greater care, listening more widely, and living what matters now, then the work is already underway.

WELLcome to this season of becoming.

Dr. Stephen Hobbs
WELLth Movement

A Legacent: A Steward of Wisdom in Motion

There comes a time (after 60) to ask a deeper question. Rather than, "What have I accomplished?" The question becomes: "What will continue because of what I have learned, lived, and contributed?"

AND, this is where the idea of a Legacent emerges.

A Legacent is someone who recognizes that experience is not meant to be stored away. It is meant to be shaped, shared, and transformed into a meaningful contribution. The distinction is between ownership and stewardship. A person who owns wisdom holds it. A person who stewards wisdom moves it, It, IT. Everything that follows is an attempt to describe the practice of stewardship.

Essentials Provide Grounding

Before a person can share what they know, that knowledge needs somewhere to stand. Essentials provide that ground. They shape decisions, relationships, and actions, and they answer a specific question: "What matters most?"

Essentials (or essences) are deeper than concepts.

Concepts describe what we want to action.

Essentials describe how we decide to live while pursuing what matters.

A Legacent may be guided by essentials such as wholeness, reciprocity, stewardship, hospitality, conservation, and integrity. These become an internal gyrocompass, shaping how a person listens, learns, mentors, creates, and contributes.

Laws Reveal Patterns

Once a person is grounded, the next task is learning to see. Living systems function through relationships, patterns, and connections rather than isolated events, and human life works the same way.

Every action creates consequences.

Every relationship influences the larger system.

Every contribution becomes part of something beyond the person who made it.

A Legacent learns to recognize these patterns: resilience grows through adeptation (as in to adopt and/or adapt), relationships create possibilities, diversity strengthens communities, and learning has no natural endpoint because living systems keep changing. This shifts the question a person asks themselves from "What should I do?" toward "What is life showing me?" It is a shift from managing outcomes to paying attention to what is already emerging.

Inspired Concepts Expand Possibility

Attention, over time, produces language. An inspired concept is a new way of seeing that arises from experience, reflection, and insight. Someone notices a pattern, names it, and in naming it gives other people a way to understand/value something they had only sensed before.

The word Legacent is itself an example. It combines legacy and docent. The idea of someone who guides, interprets, and shares knowledge. It suggests that *after 60* is not only about remembering the past. It is about curating experience for the future. This is what an inspired concept does: it takes something a person has lived and turns it into something another person uses. Inspired concepts are gifts, not protected possessions.

Wise Practices Bring Wisdom to Life

None of this matters if it stays abstract. Wise practices are where principles, patterns, and concepts become everyday actions. They answer a plainer question than the ones before it: "How do we live this today?"

A Legacent embodies wise practices through specific, repeatable actions like listening deeply, sharing generously, learning continuously, mentoring intentionally, reflecting honestly. Each one connects back to something earlier in this framework. Listening deeply is reciprocity in action. Sharing generously is stewardship in action. Learning continuously is what keeps the pattern-seeing habit alive. Wisdom, in the end, is revealed through how someone influences the people around them. A Legacent's role is less about supplying answers than about creating conditions where others can discover their own.

Legacy Carries Life Forward

The purpose of a seed is continuation. It carries the possibility of something the person planting it may never see. Legacy works the same way because persons/people lived intentionally.

A Legacent encourages conversations, relationships, educating, co-creations, and acts of service. The measure of legacy is not recognition—it is renewal.

__Did someone gain confidence because of your encouragement?

__Did an idea continue because you shared it?

___Did another person discover their own contribution because you made room for it?

These questions are harder to answer because they describe a legacy in motion.

Becoming a Steward of Wisdom

The journey of a Legacent is about becoming someone who keeps learning and keeps contributing, which is a different and ongoing kind of work.

Consider__ownership suggests possession; stewardship suggests responsibility. That distinction is what allows experience to become generous rather than guarded. It is what allows aging to become a period of contribution rather than withdrawal. It is what allows your second fifty to be a time of integration, more so than reflection.

A Legacent values *wisdom does not belong to one person*. It belongs to the ongoing conversation of humanity. Each generation receives something from those who came before, and each generation has the chance to add, alter, delete it before passing it on.

A Legacent is a living continuation of what matters.

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Being Natural

Live with Intention, Share with Attention

A Legacent recognizes that energy is a precious resource. Rather than investing attention in circumstances beyond influence, they focus on what they can create, contribute, and nurture. Choose intention over reaction.

Present, grounded, and with caring.

Clarity about what deserves your time and attention.

Begin each day by asking, "*What contribution matters most today?*"

Demonstrate calm focus so others learn where meaningful influence begins.



Editorial Insert: There Is No "Everyone" After 60

WE talk about life after 60 as if there's one script: retire well, downsize wisely, stay active, give back. AND the moment anyone says "everyone should," they've left the actual person behind. Legacy moves beyond the abstract. It works in individual decisions, shaped by lived history, values, energy, relationships, and what a person is willing to carry forward and sometimes from-ward.

Given the room to decide, each of us picks a path that fits who we are. *A coherent one!* Some people build. Some simplify. Some teach, some step back, some expand what they've already started, some refine it down to what matters most. Each of those is a legitimate shape for a life to take.

This is part of why we treat Legacent as a mode, not a category. It isn't a demographic or a stage everyone passes through the same way. It's a way of continuing to put a life's experience to work, AND that looks different for every person.

So instead of asking what everyone should do after 60, let's ask: What's the next expression for this particular life, at this particular moment?

We want to hear how you'd answer that for yourself. What does your own next expression look like right now__building, simplifying, teaching, mentoring, stepping back, something else entirely?

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Vectors, Time, and Location: A Legacent Reads Life Differently

Somewhere in the move from Aging to Curation to Mentoring to Legacy to Legacent, the questions a person asks themselves shift. It stops being "What do I want to do?" and becomes "What direction is my life moving, and who receives it?" That shift shows up along three lines: vector, time, and location.

A vector is direction plus magnitude. By 60, most people are carrying real knowledge, stories, and networks. However, without a sense of direction, this experience just sits there as a memory. Give it direction, and it becomes a contribution. Add mentoring, and it becomes transfer. That's the difference between having lived a lot and having something to pass on.

Time reshapes after 60, too. It stops feeling like it's expanding and starts feeling like it's compressing, which brings on a different set of questions: What stage am I in? What survives after I'm gone? Who's worth spending my remaining effort on? Curation matters here because unstructured experience tends to disappear, whereas structured experience can be transferred to someone else.

Location turns out to matter more than geography. A forest produces one kind of sensing, a hearth another, a noisy room another still. A Legacent starts paying attention to this, selecting or building the kind of place/space where mentoring and legacy transfer can actually happen, rather than assuming any room will do.

Put together, vector, time, and location form a single practical question: What useful movement can I still create, with the time I have left, in places/spaces where persons can actually receive it? That question sits close to the center of what it means to become a Legacent.

What's your answer to that question right now? We'd like to hear it.

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**Stephen (editor) wrote this statement
while moving between becoming a Legacent and serving as a Legacent:
“Commitment to writing what’s left takes you right with curiosity...”**

I keep thinking about the word left.

It meant what remains. The stories I haven’t written. The thoughts I haven’t put down. The things I’ve experienced that still seem to have something left in them. Then I heard *left* differently.

Left is a direction.

That shifted the statement for me.

Perhaps that comes from spending my life outdoors. You learn to pay attention to direction. You also learn that what you leave behind can matter just as much as where you are headed.

Since finishing the Legacent Guided Conversation (Legacent Quest Outline), I’ve been thinking about what I have left to write.

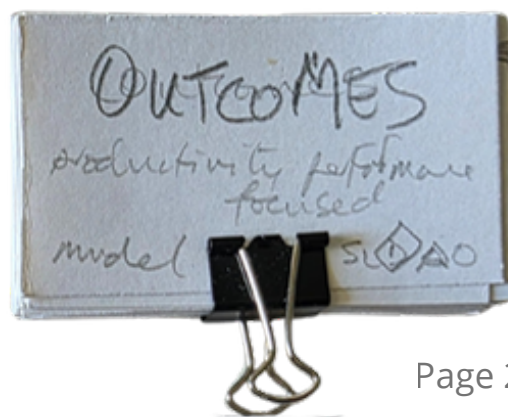
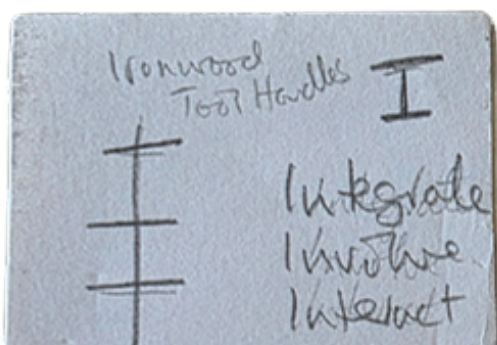
There are stories I’ve carried for years. A few I’ve told many times. Others have stayed somewhere in the back of my mind, waiting for me to do something with them. There are questions too. Some have become more interesting with age. So I’ve made a commitment to myself: write what’s left.

I like the sound of that.

It feels different from trying to sum up a life. I’m more interested in what still catches my attention like a memory, a conversation, something I see on a walk, an idea that refuses to go away.

Curiosity seems to be sitting beside all of it.

At seventy-two, I’m discovering that there may be_
More left than I thought. More to write. More places to turn.
More reasons to stay curious.
And that feels like a way to keep becoming while I serve as a Legacent.



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