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Letters to the Future

Write the letters you wish someone had written to you.

There are things you want your children to know that they're not ready to hear yet. There are things you want to say that will land better in writing than out loud. There are things you'll wish you'd told them once they're far enough into their own lives to understand what you meant. Letters to the Future is a way to write those things now, and trust that they'll find them at the right time.

You don't need to write all of these. You don't need to write any of them this year. But the ones you do write tend to become the most cherished pieces of the entire Legacy Project, because they're addressed to a specific person at a specific moment in their life.

Suggested letters

A letter to my child at eighteen. What you want them to know as they leave home. What you hope they remember about who they are. What you want them to forgive themselves for early. What you hope they'll do that scares them.

A letter to my child at thirty. When they're far enough into adult life to understand what you were navigating when they were young. The honest version of what those years were like for you. What you hope they've learned by now, and what you hope they're still figuring out.

A letter to my future grandchildren. You may not meet them. Or you may, and not be able to say everything you want to say. Write to them anyway. Tell them about their parent when their parent was small. Tell them what you hope for their family.

A letter I wish someone had written to me. This one is different. You're writing what you needed to hear at a hard age, in a voice you wish you'd had access to. It can be from a parent, a grandparent, a future version of yourself. The act of writing it is often more healing than you expect.

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Prompts for what to include

What I hope you know about yourself.

What I want you to remember about our family and where you come from.

What matters more than success, even when the world tells you it doesn't.

What I hope you forgive me for, and what I'm still working on.

What I hope you forgive yourself for.

What I wish I'd known at your age.

What I'm proudest of in you, and why.

The kind of life I hope you build, in your own shape.

How to store them

Keep the letters in a place your children will find them. A folder on a shared drive labeled clearly. A printed copy in a fireproof box. An envelope in a desk drawer with a note on the front. Tell your spouse or someone you trust where they are. Update them every few years if you want to, or let them stand as a record of what you believed at the moment you wrote them.

A note on the hard letters

If you're writing to a child who's grown distant, or one you've lost, or one who came into your life late and missed years you wish they'd had, write the letter anyway. Some of these letters will never be delivered. They still matter. The act of putting the words down is part of how you carry the relationship.