

October 2 | Sunday
Don't Forget to Pass it On
Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7



03 | Mon – Renewing the Covenant | Read Deuteronomy 1:1, 5 and 5:1-22
Deuteronomy takes place at the end of the 40 years in the wilderness. The generation of fearful adults had died and Moses was reviewing God's covenant with the new adults. These young people were given a chance to reaffirm their commitment to the covenant between the Lord God and their nation. It is a reminder that we cannot become God's people by trusting in our parents' faith or anyone else's...it has to be our own.

04 | Tue – Teach your children | Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9, 20-25
After reminding the people of the commandment to love the Lord with all their heart, soul and strength, Moses directed them to teach their children at home...on the road, when they got up in the morning and when they went to bed at night. What a responsibility! Maybe you don't have children or maybe yours are grown, however, you can still impact the next generation as a role model. In what ways can you teach the children in your life?

05 | Wed – Guard against self-sufficiency | Read Deuteronomy 7:7-9 and 8:11-18
When times get better, it is easy to forget the hardships and that it was God who brought you through them. It is easy to minimize God's part and to believe that it was *our* efforts and persistence that won the day. Don't do it. Moses reminded his people that it is the Lord God who delivered them from slavery and not their own strength. Good reminder for us all. What can you do when you are tempted to take the credit?

06 | Thu – The critical choice | Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Next to the breath of life, free will is the most precious gift God has given human beings. Moses knows his life is coming to an end and he will no longer lead these people, so he gives the responsibility to them. He defines the options very clearly, for them and for us. There is nothing more difficult than doing the right thing when you would rather do something you know is wrong. What gives you strength to make the wise choice?

07 | Fri – New leadership | Read Deuteronomy 31:1-8
As Moses passed the baton to Joshua, he did not list his own accomplishments. Instead, he reminded Joshua (and the people) of what *God* had done. Moses' experience taught him that God is faithful in every situation. Repeatedly he told the people...do **not** be afraid, do **not** be discouraged, be strong and courageous. Why? Because of their strength and abilities? No, because God was going before them. What a wonderful promise for you too!

08 | Sat – Our end is not *the* end | Read Deuteronomy 32:48-50 and 34:1-12
Moses did not live to see his God-given vision fulfilled but he was not alone. Abraham did not see the nation God promised to raise up from his descendants. David wanted to build a glorious temple but that honor was given to his son. If God has given you a vision, are you willing to pursue it fearlessly, knowing that it might not be fulfilled in your lifetime? Do you trust confidently that God's purposes to be accomplished at the right time?