

Deuteronomy: A Call to Remember

One way to move forward into the **future** is to learn from the **past**. Our church's **vision statement** corresponds closely to the book of Deuteronomy. The call is to worship God, love people, share Jesus, and make disciples.

John Phillips – “For the book of Deuteronomy consists of a series of addresses by Moses warning the Israelites, whom he was soon to leave, of the dangers of **forgetfulness**.”

Deuteronomy 4:9 – *Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you **forget** the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.*

Deuteronomy 4:23 – *Take care, lest you **forget** the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you.*

Deuteronomy 5:15 – *You shall **remember** that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.*

Deuteronomy 8:2 – *And you shall **remember** the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.*

Deuteronomy 8:18 – *You shall **remember** the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

Deuteronomy 9:7 – ***Remember** and do not **forget** how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.*

How does the book of Deuteronomy **relate** to our lives today?

- It's dangerous and unwise to ignore **God's voice**

Deuteronomy 1:42-43 – *And the Lord said to me, ‘Say to them, do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’ So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the Lord and presumptuously went up into the hill country.*

- The Lord promises to be with us in every **season** of life

Deuteronomy 2:7 – *For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.*

- God's Word is true and authoritative from Genesis to Revelation and is to be **obeyed**

Deuteronomy 4:2 – *You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.*

Deuteronomy 5:32 – *You shall be careful therefore to do as the Lord your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*

- A **disciple-making** strategy begins in the context of family relationships

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 – *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

- The Lord is the source of our **blessings** and **wealth**

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 – *Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

- The Lord **reveals** how He wants His followers to live

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 – *And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?*

- Our God has the power to turn **burdens** into **blessings**

Deuteronomy 23:5 – *But the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loved you.*