

MESSAGE OUTLINE

August 11, 2024

Growing as the Family of God

2. Passing on Faith

Deuteronomy 6:1–12 (NIV)

¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. ¹⁰ When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

As the family of god, we journey together, bless others, envision God's promises and pass on faith

1. Holistically

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

All ways and always

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1 (NIV)*

Morning prayer

Call: Who is it that you seek?

Response: We seek the Lord our God.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

2. Intergenerationally

Impress them on your children. // Blessing, wisdom, leadership

Jesus and Children: "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." *Mark 9:36–37 (NIV)*

Moses and Joshua: Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:9 (NIV)

Eli and Samuel: Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" *1 Samuel 3:8–9 (NIV)*

Naomi and Ruth: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." *Ruth 1:16 (NIV)*

Elijah and Elisha: When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. *2 Kings 2:9 (NIV)*

Elizabeth and Mary: When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. *Luke 1:41 (NIV)*

Paul and Timothy: For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus. *1 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)*

3. And remember...

be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

So that your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live... So that you may enjoy long life... So that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Next steps: In your time alone with God this week, review the morning prayer. Take time to reflect on the questions, journaling your responses to seeking God or loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. What are your prayers of praise, gratitude, confession or guidance for today? If I were to grow in my love for God and others, how would you "enjoy long life", impact our "children and their children", and flourish in the places where you work, live, play, study?