

# **Building a Faith that Lasts**

## **Deuteronomy 6: 1-15**

### **I. A faith the lasts Reproduces itself**

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

“(1) Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, (2) that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. (3) Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

### **II. Building a Faith that Lasts Takes work (Time and Relationship) -Deut. 6:4-9**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“(4) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (7) 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. (8) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (9) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- **Hear and Obey (vs. 4)**

- **Be Devoted to God –**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might (Deut. 6:5).

- **Heart**
- **Soul**
- **Might**

- **Model Genuine Faith**

- SBC – in 2002 performed a study and concluded that 88% of young people that grew up in a Southern Baptist church were walking away from the faith.
- LifeWay in 2007 did a study and concluded that 70% of young people were walking away from the faith.
- Barna Group in 2006 concluded that it was 61%

“A gospel faith that is joyfully and seriously embraced, and lived out by loving and faithful parents, is much harder to ‘chuck’ than one that is perceived to be fake, inauthentic and sporadic.” (John Neilson, *Faith that Lasts: Raising kids that don’t leave the church*)

- **Teach out of the Overflow (vs. 7)**

- First we devote ourselves to God, second, we teach our children to devote themselves to God.
  - Planned
  - Unplanned Moments “As you go” –

- **Faith should impact all areas of life (vs. 8,9)**

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### III. **Building a faith that lasts knows what’s at stake**

Deuteronomy 6:10-15

“(10) And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, (11) and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—for the LORD your God in your midst

is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. (ESV)

- **They might forget**
- **They might fail to fear and worship God:**