



VISION & VALUES



Center City Church

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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.”

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Summary of where we are going:

A. Deuteronomy 6:3-9

Context, Core Message, and Response Expected

B. 2 Cor 5:20-21

Ministry of Reconciliation & Ambassadors

C. Ambassadors

Implications & Practices

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Background of Deuteronomy

- Pentateuch – 5 books of Moses
- Book 2: Moses, escape from Egypt, giving the Law
- Books 3 & 4: Upwards of 30 years in the desert.
 - Applying & living the Law (Law 1.1+)
- Book 5: Deuteronomy 2nd telling; “Law 2.0”
 - Update at entrance to promised land

Thinking Again about the Law

Deuteronomy 4:40

“Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

Thinking Again about the Law

Deuteronomy 5:29

“Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!”

See also: 5:33, 6:2-3, 6:18, 6:24

What is God like? A Loving Father

Deuteronomy 1:30-31

30 “The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, **31** and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.”

What is God like? A Loving Father

Deuteronomy 4:7-8

7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Does this deny the Trinity, NT God?

- Different translations to “The Lord is One!”
- He Alone. Only our God is like this.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

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Deuteronomy 6:7-9

The Response to God's love

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.

Vision & Values: Review of Week 1

2 Cor 5:14-21

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because ... he died for all, that we might no longer live for ourselves but for him who... died and was raised...

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come...

Vision & Values: Review of Week 1

2 Cor 5:14-21

18 God... through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Vision & Values: Weeks 1-4

2 Cor 5:17-21

- A Compelled life
- Not to live for selves
- New creation – the old is gone
- Ministry of Reconciliation
- Ambassadors

Practices we do as a church to live this:
Communion, Baptism, Giving

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled** us to himself and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**; **19** that is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of **reconciliation**. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be **reconciled** to God.

Ditches on either side of God's path:

Ditch 1

Earn favor by
doing it
(transactional?)

Ditch 2

Doesn't matter:
'free roaming'
(selfish anarchy?)

