

DYING ON THIRD BASE

Deuteronomy 34

From Pastor Mark

I enjoy watching a bit of baseball, especially during the playoffs. “Dying on third base” is a word picture for great disappointment. It aptly describes the end of Moses’ life, which provides us with powerful lessons for leadership and life.

I. THE LIMITATIONS OF OUR LEADERSHIP (Deut. 34:1-4)

A. Our Failures (1-4)

- Numbers 20:2-13
- Deuteronomy 3:23-28a

B. Our Humanity (5-7)

II. THE APPRECIATION OF LEADERSHIP (34:6-8)

A. God honored Moses.

B. The people honored Moses.

C. Hebrews 13:7-8

III. THE EVALUATION OF LEADERSHIP

A. Your Discipleship (34:9)

B. Your Devotion (34:10)

C. Your Dependence (34:10-12)

- Depend on God’s Power.
- Depend on God’s Promises (Deut. 18:18, Luke 9:30-31).

COMING: Next Week, Dr. John King, IBC Anniversary Sunday; Nov. 20, Dr. Homer Heater, Guest Speaker. Nov. 27 New Series by Pastor Mark and Pastor Phillip on *Christmas in Isaiah*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2022

1. Read Deut. 34:1-4. Name some one word descriptions of what Moses may have been feeling.
2. Name some disappointments that have you experienced? How does taking the long view of God's sovereign plan and promises (like Romans 8:28) help us?
3. Why is each of these leadership principles important and how can you apply them to your own influence on others for God?
 - a. Your Discipleship (Dt. 34:9)
 - b. Your Devotion (34:10)
 - c. Your Dependence on God's Power and Promises (34:10-12)
4. Name some leaders that you follow. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1 and discuss how to keep the right balance of honoring and following leadership while recognizing their limitations.
5. Parents lead their own children; so how can they talk with their kids about how God wants them to view them and their leadership in their lives?
6. Invite your Life Group to the IBC Anniversary Dinner this Saturday, November 12 at 5:30 PM. Make a plan to sit together if possible. Also, please encourage them to attend Vision Night next Sunday, 6:00 PM. Again, feel free to sit together as a Life Group for this important time in our church.