

LETTING GO  
+ RUNNING  
ALONGSIDE

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

**“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.**

**DEUT 6:4-6**

**Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.**

**DEUT 6:7-9**

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MAKE IT  
PERSONAL

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**“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord **your** God with all **your** heart, with all **your** soul, and with all **your** strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in **your** heart.**

**DEUT 6:4-6**

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MAKE IT  
HABITUAL

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Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you **sit in your house** and when **you walk** along the road, when **you lie down** and when **you get up**. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

**DEUT 6:7-9**

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MAKE IT  
COMMUNAL

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**“Listen, Israel:** The Lord **our** God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

**DEUT 6:4-6**

**When your son asks you in the future, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees, statutes, and ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ tell him, ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand. Before our eyes the Lord inflicted great and devastating signs and wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his household,**

**DEUT 6:20-22**

**but he brought us from there in order to lead us in and give us the land that he swore to our ancestors. The Lord commanded us to follow all these statutes and to fear the Lord our God for our prosperity always and for our preservation, as it is today. Righteousness will be ours if we are careful to follow every one of these commands before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.'**

**DEUT 6:23-25**

**There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**EPHESIANS 4:4-6**

***“When your children ask you in the future, ‘Why do we follow Jesus? Why do we trust his words and live the way he taught us?’ then you will tell them: ‘We were once trapped by sin. We couldn’t free ourselves. Sin led us away from God, filled our hearts with selfishness, shame, fear, and death. We needed rescue.***

***But God loved us deeply. So he sent Jesus to save us.***

***Jesus came near to us. He healed the broken, welcomed sinners, loved the forgotten, and showed us what God is really like. Then Jesus gave his life on the cross for us. He took our sin upon himself and paid the price we could never pay. And three days later, God raised him from the dead in power.***

***Through Jesus, God rescued us from sin and brought us into new life. He forgives us, calls us his children, and gives us his Spirit to lead us every day.***

***That is why we follow the way of Jesus. His commands are not meant to crush us, but to lead us into life, joy, peace, and freedom. We obey him because we trust him and love him.***

***And our righteousness is not something we earn by being good enough. Our righteousness comes from Jesus himself. By faith, we are made right with God because of what Christ has done for us.'***

***So, we remember his grace, trust his promises, and walk in his way all the days of our lives."***

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OUR STORY  
MATTERS

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**My people, hear my instruction;  
listen to the words from my mouth.  
I will declare wise sayings;  
I will speak mysteries from the past—  
things we have heard and known  
and that our ancestors have passed down to  
us.**

**PSALM 78:1-3**

**We will not hide them from their children,  
but will tell a future generation  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
his might, and the wondrous works  
he has performed.**

**PSALM 78:4**

**He established a testimony in Jacob  
and set up a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children  
so that a future generation—  
children yet to be born—might know.  
They were to rise and tell their children**

**PSALM 78:5-6**

**so that they might put their confidence in God  
and not forget God's works,  
but keep his commands.**

**Then they would not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not loyal  
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

**PSALM 78:7-8**

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**YOUR STORY  
MATTERS**

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**LETTING GO AND  
RUNNING ALONGSIDE**

**IS YOUR FAITH A  
TREASURED HEIRLOOM OR  
A FORGOTTEN ANTIQUE?**

**NO ONE HAS *MORE POTENTIAL*  
TO INFLUENCE A CHILD THAN A  
PARENT, BUT A PARENT IS  
*NOT THE ONLY* INFLUENCE A  
*CHILD NEEDS.***

MAKE IT PERSONAL  
MAKE IT HABITUAL  
MAKE IT COMMUNAL

PRAY  
SERVE  
GIVE