

Sermon Guide for Tribes May 5, 2024 Sermon Title: Generation to Generation: The Gameplan for Passing on the Faith

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

"Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, so that you may do them in the land where you are going over to take possession of it, 2 so that you, your son, and your grandson will fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Now Israel, you shall listen and be careful to do them, so that it may go well for you and that you may increase greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has [a]promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. 8 You shall also tie them as a [b]sign to your [c]hand, and they shall be as [d]frontlets [e]on your forehead. 9 You shall also write them on the [f]doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Points to Consider:

What does the Bible say about passing down the faith?

- It's a Command (v.1)
- It Requires Intention (v. 2-3, 7-9)
- It's Multigenerational (v. 2)
- It's Defining
- It Comes with a Blessing (v. 2-3)

Discussion Questions:

How does Deuteronomy 6 reinforce the importance of passing down faith and teachings from one generation to the next, and how can this principle be applied practically in our families and churches?

In Deuteronomy 6, God commands His people to love Him with all their heart, soul, and strength. How does this commandment resonate with the our belief in the primacy of a personal relationship with God, and what are some practical ways believers can deepen their love for God in everyday life?

Deuteronomy 6 emphasizes the importance of diligently teaching God's commandments to children. How can our communities ensure that children are not only taught about God's laws but also encouraged to internalize and live them out in their daily lives, particularly in today's secular culture?