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Sermon: Every Room, Every Road, Every Generation

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NLT

Because whether we realize it or not, we are all being formed by something.

- We are formed by what we hear.
- We are formed by what we love.
- We are formed by what we practice.
- We are formed by what is repeated.

And the same thing is true for the next generation.

- The question is not, "Are we forming them?"
- The question is, "What are we forming them with?"

Receive the _____: God's _____ Is Not Optional for God's People.

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NLT

1 "These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, 2 and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. 3 Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Notes:

“God’s Word is trustworthy because God’s character is trustworthy.”

Pledge _____: God Alone Gets First Place.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT

4 "Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

Notes:

_____ Completely: _____ for God Must Touch Every Part of Life.

Deuteronomy 6:5 NLT

5 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Notes:

Heart

The heart refers to the center of thought, intention, and feeling.

Soul

The soul speaks to the whole life of the person — our emotions, passions, longings, and desires.

Strength

Strength, or might, includes our earthly abilities, resources, influence, and wealth.

To love God with all our heart, soul, and strength means there is no untouched part of life.

This kind of love directly impacts how we live.

**_____ It On: What We Love Most Is What We _____
On.**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NLT

6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Notes:

So here are a few questions for us to wrestle with.

1. What is actually forming you?

If we are rarely in God's Word, rarely in prayer, rarely talking about God, rarely practicing obedience, and rarely arranging our lives around Him, then we should not be surprised when our lives are formed by something else.

2. Who or what has first place?

3. Is your love for God touching real life?

Where is God asking my love for Him to become visible?

4. What are you passing on?

If the next generation copied my faith, what kind of faith would they have?

God's family is formed by God's Word, shaped by love for God, and called to pass that faith to the next generation.

So may we be a church that receives the Word, pledges allegiance to the Lord alone, loves God completely, and passes that faith on.

Additional Notes - Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NLT

Background and Context

Deuteronomy 6 takes place near the end of Israel's wilderness journey. Moses is speaking to a new generation of Israelites on the plains of Moab, just before they enter the Promised Land. Their parents had come out of Egypt, received the Law at Mount Sinai, and then wandered in the wilderness for forty years because of unbelief and disobedience.

Now Moses reminds this new generation of who they are and how they are called to live. Deuteronomy 6 is not simply about rules. It is about forming a people who belong to God. God had rescued Israel, claimed them as His people, and called them to live differently from the nations around them.

The commands in Deuteronomy 6 are connected to the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5. Moses is showing Israel that God's Word was not meant to be heard once and forgotten. It was meant to shape their homes, their worship, their decisions, their children, and their future.

The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4 is known as the **Shema**, from the Hebrew word meaning "hear" or "listen."

"Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone."

— Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT

This became one of the central confessions of Israel's faith. It was a declaration that Israel belonged to the Lord alone. They were not to worship the gods of Egypt, the gods of Canaan, or the gods of the surrounding nations.

This was not just a statement about belief. It was a statement of allegiance. God was not asking to be one part of their lives. He was calling for first place in every part of life.

Faith in the Everyday

Deuteronomy 6:6–9 shows that spiritual formation was meant to happen in the ordinary rhythms of life:

- At home
- On the road
- Going to bed
- Getting up

This means faith was never intended to be limited to a worship service, a classroom, or a special religious event. God’s Word was to be talked about in the normal moments of family life.

For Israel, this meant parents and grandparents had a responsibility to pass on faith to the next generation. But it also reminds the whole community of God’s people that faith is always being handed down. Every generation receives something, lives something, and passes something on.

Additional Verses to Consider

Psalm 78:4 NLT

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

Joshua 24:15 NLT

“But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”

Proverbs 22:6 NLT

“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”

Matthew 22:37–38 NLT

“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

2 Timothy 1:5 NLT

“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.”

Questions to Ponder

1. What voices, habits, and rhythms are currently forming me the most?
2. Does God have first place in my life, or simply a place in my life?
3. Where does my love for God need to become more visible this week?
4. What am I intentionally or unintentionally passing on to the next generation?
5. If someone copied my faith, what kind of faith would they have?

A Simple Next Step

Choose one ordinary moment this week and make it intentional.

Pray with your family before bed. Talk about Scripture during a meal. Share a story of God’s faithfulness with your children or grandchildren. Encourage a younger believer. Ask someone what God is teaching them.

Faith is often formed through small, repeated moments.

God’s Word does not just belong in our worship services. It belongs in every room, every road, and every generation.