

# THE Story

## WANDERING : PT.3 – SCOTT LANIGAN

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### COMMANDMENTS FOR NEW LIFE IN THE PROMISED LAND

Before Moses dies, he passes on leadership and reminds the people of the work they have seen God do over the past 40 years.

### THE TEXT

*The Story*, pages 83-88 (Numbers 27:12 – Deuteronomy 34)

### TALK ABOUT IT

1. Every generation needs to hear the stories of those who have gone before. What is your favourite story of someone from history (family or famous)?
2. In your opinion, what is the difference between love as a noun or love as an action?
3. What seeds of faith and love is God giving to you today to plant?

### LOOK TO THE WORD

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.*" (The Story, pg. 85 or Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

- In this passage, what stands out to you?
- In Deuteronomy, Moses is reminding the Israelites of all of God's commands, the curses and the blessings. Why does he need to do this?

*The Shema (pronounced shuh-mah) means "hearing and doing".*

- What core teachings of the Shema do you see repeated throughout the Bible? Why is it important to see where else Deuteronomy 6:4-6 is referred to?



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*Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:6)*

- When did the Israelites remind their children of the work of God?
- What happens when the Israelites fail to remind their children about the work of God? (see Deuteronomy 11:1-7)

*Be strong and courageous for you must go with the people into this land that the Lord swore to their ...The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you he will never leave you or forsake you... (selections from Deuteronomy 31:7b-8)*

- After Moses addresses the people for the final time, he encourages them. What reason do the people have to be strong and courageous?
- Why is it inevitable for the Israelites to be afraid and discouraged?

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.. (Galatians 6:9)*

- Why do people, in the Bible, grow weary of doing good?

*Ending Chapter 6 of The Story*

Read page 88 (Deuteronomy 32:48-62, 34:1-12).

God allows Moses to see the entire Promised Land from the top of Mount Nebo. Moses dies and is described as "no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

- What have you learned about God as Moses partnered with Him during the Exodus? Likewise, what have you learned about Moses?
- What has had the biggest impact on you as you think through the story of the Exodus and the desert wandering?

## **LOOK INWARD**

*"You reap what you sow."*

- What does this saying mean to you?
- How have you seen this truth in action or experienced it?



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*"Your choice is the engine... your feelings are the caboose. Never let your love just be a noun."*

Feelings and emotions are an outcome of practicing love (or not practicing love).

- In addition to feelings and emotions, what happens when you practice love?
- When feelings and emotions lead, what happens to your ability to love?

The Shema is wholistic. God wants His people to understand that it is an "Everything Love": heart, soul, mind, strength.

- In which of these areas of your life are you most able to see God at work? Why?
- In which area of your life do you hope to see the most change? Why?

During the COVID pandemic, it's easy to let this season sway you.

- What steps have you taken to keep your eyes on God?
- In what ways have you felt fed in this season? Or felt like you're planning good seeds?

## LOOK OUTWARD

*"There was an entire generation lost in the Israelite community because they did not plant the right seeds."*

- What are some ways you can plant seeds to positively influence people in your life?
- How are you sharing your story and what God has done for you in your life / your wandering?
- What harvest have you seen from seeds you have planted in the past (if any)?

*Meal times are a great teaching opportunity to discuss & talk over what God has done.*

- Who do you share a meal with on a regular basis?
- What do you usually talk about?
- What would it be like to talk about what God is doing in your life?

## NEXT READING

- March 6/7, 2021 – Worship, Prayer & Communion Weekend
- March 13/14, 2021 – The Battle Begins (Pages 89-93)



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## NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Praise God for our weekend services where we get a chance to participate together
- Pray for Alpha's Holy Spirit Weekend that God would reveal Himself to those who are seeking Him
- Praise God for the chances to connect as a community using digital platforms, text and email
- Pray for those facing physical and mental health challenges and for the treatment processes they receive
- Pray for our community and government leaders as they prepare for spring COVID protocols, re-openings and vaccine applications

## RESOURCES

### *"Everything Love"*

One of the ways we have been working through wholistic life change has been through our "Rule of Life Devotional" that originated during the Messy Middle sermon series. It focuses on personal transformation that helps us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and love our neighbour as ourselves. [Click here to download the 14 day devotional](#) or find it at [trinitykelowna.ca/resources](http://trinitykelowna.ca/resources)

### Bible Project

As noted in previous weeks, The Bible Project does a great job at describing the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. This includes the 'Shema', so please explore the resources below!

Video Series : <https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/shema-series>

Blog Post : <https://bibleproject.com/blog/what-is-the-shema>

### Podcast

As we journey together through *The Story*, make sure to catch the weekly podcast every Wednesday as we took a significant look at key issues in the text, questions you've submitting or topics we had to overlook because of time. Send questions to [podcast@trinitykelowna.ca](mailto:podcast@trinitykelowna.ca)

