The Word Must Come Home

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4–9 | Audio: Day 1

> *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."*
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> — Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL

The Word of God was never meant to live only in a church building. It was never meant to be something we hear on Sunday, nod along with, and then leave behind until the next service. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives Israel a picture of a household saturated with the Word: speak it in the house, speak it on the road, speak it at bedtime, speak it when the day begins.

In other words, the Word was meant to travel home. It belongs in everyday spaces—at the kitchen table, in the car, in family conversations, in quiet morning moments, in bedtime routines. It belongs in the decisions we make, in how we respond when stress rises, in how we train our children, in how we encourage our spouse, in how we strengthen ourselves when no one else is around.

Every home has a culture. Some homes are shaped by busyness. Some by entertainment. Some by anxiety. Some by old wounds. Some by survival. But a kingdom household is meant to be shaped by the voice of God.

That does not mean your home has to be perfect, or that everyone must sit still for an hour-long Bible study every night. It simply means the Word is welcomed—that Scripture is not treated as decoration, but as daily bread. So ask honestly: does your Bible have dust on it, or worn pages? If you read digitally, is Scripture a regular place you go, or only something you search for in emergencies?

What we consistently feed our homes will eventually show up in our homes. Today is not about guilt. It is about invitation. God is inviting us to bring His Word back into the rhythm of ordinary life.

> **WHAT WE FEED OUR HOMES WILL SHOW UP IN OUR HOMES**
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> Feed fear, fear grows • Feed distraction, distraction grows • Feed the Word, spiritual strength grows

DAY 1 • JOURNAL & RESPONSE

REFLECT

1. *What is one practical step you can take this week to make Scripture a daily presence in your home?*

2. *Where is the Word most absent right now—your mornings, your decisions, your conversations?*

RESPOND: TODAY'S PRACTICAL STEP

Choose one verse this week, put it somewhere visible, and review it daily. Pick how you will start:

- ☐ Memorize one verse as a family.
- ☐ Write a Scripture on the bathroom mirror.
- ☐ Read one Psalm before bed.
- ☐ Ask "What does God's Word say about this?" before deciding.

The verse I am choosing, and where it will go:

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your Word. Thank You that You have not left us without direction, wisdom, or truth. Forgive us for the times we have left Your Word at the church house and failed to bring it into our own house. Help us create homes where Scripture is honored, spoken, remembered, and lived. Teach us to love Your Word, to share it with our families, and to let it shape our daily lives. Let our homes become places where Your voice is heard clearly. In Jesus' name, amen.

My own prayer:

REMEMBER THIS

The Word must come home.

Going Deeper: Joshua 1:8 • Psalm 119:105 • Colossians 3:16

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