

REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS (DEUTERONOMY 1-4)



Deuteronomy comes from the Greek which means "second law"; the original Hebrew name Devarim means words, referring to Moses' final words to the people.

God desires to provide life and blessing to His people, but it is contingent upon their obedience to His covenant relationship.

Law sets the standard for covenant relationship. Break the Law, break the relationship. Jesus came to fulfill the Law so the relationship could never be broken.

As we enter 2026 with a renewed desire to follow Jesus more closely, we have to look at how God reviewed His covenant with Israel to see how He views His covenant. God's Faithfulness is the Foundation to His Covenant!

1. Remember God's Faithful Guidance: God directs His people, not just make demands

- Even when Israel feared their enemies, God gave them victories so they could enter the land that He had covenant with Abraham.
- God was faithful to lead them by cloud/fire, yet they were not always willing to follow.
- God will always uphold His covenant, but we must choose to follow Him to see the value of His covenant.

2. Remember God's Faithful Discipline: Discipline that is not faithful is abuse, but faithful discipline is love.

- The people had broken their covenant with God; therefore, they forfeited their place in His covenant land. God must uphold holiness through His Law.
- God's covenant is still in place, but with the next generation. He establishes relationship with those who will keep His covenant.

3. Remember God's Faithful Revelation: God makes Himself known to those who seek Him

- No other people had the closeness to God as the descendants of Abraham
- The LORD spoke to His people and made His covenant clear.
- God calls all people to know Him as the only living God and follow the commandment of His covenant.
- During the reformation, the Protestants called for Sola Scriptura (Scriptures alone) so the people would follow God's Word rather than the teachings of man.
- We must remember God's faithfulness to us as the foundation of our faithfulness to Him through His Word.

The call to GO with the Word is the product of hearts rejoicing in God's faithfulness. Let's GO!

1. Read Deuteronomy 1:29-33; Psalm 78:52-55. How does remembering God's past guidance strengthen faith during present uncertainty? What is an example of God's guidance in your life?
2. Read Deuteronomy 2:14-16; Hebrews 12:10-11. In what ways can discipline be a sign of God's faithfulness rather than His displeasure? How does discipline show love? What is an example of God's discipline in your life that you didn't appreciate at the time, but now you give thanks for? Deuteronomy 4:6-8; Romans 9:4-5. What responsibilities come with being recipients of God's covenant revelation? What are some ways that we only take from God but don't give back? How is the marriage covenant like our covenant with God?
3. Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:2. How does teaching the next generation factor into covenant renewal today? What does discipleship look like in your life? How did Jesus do discipleship?
4. Deuteronomy 4:32-35; Acts 17:24-31. Why is remembering God's uniqueness essential in a pluralistic culture? What are some ways that we have other gods before God? Is there anything or anyone else in your life that competes with God's primary position?
5. Deuteronomy 1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:11. How should the church properly apply Israel's covenant history without misusing it? How is the Church different/similar to Israel? Can we apply every promise/curse that God gave Israel to the Church? Explain.
6. Deuteronomy 4:39-40; John 14:21. What practical habits help believers live in ongoing covenant faithfulness? What are your top three habits? Explain.
7. Read Exodus 13:21-22; Joshua 24:14-15; Psalm 77:19-20; 95:8-11; 147:19-20; Proverbs 3:11-12; Isaiah 45:18-22; Lamentations 3:31-33; Nehemiah 9:19; John 1:14-18; 10:3-4; Romans 8:14; 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:5-11; Hebrews 12:5-11; 13:5; James 1:22-25; Revelation 3:19. How do these passages relate to/support the stories/truths told in Deuteronomy 1-4? Explain.

January: Deuteronomy - Covenant Renewal

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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Jan. 4	Deut. 1-4	Deut. 1:1-33	Deut. 1:34-47	Deut. 2:1-25	Deut. 2:26-37	Deut. 3	Deut. 4
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