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JOURNEY: Deuteronomy

| Key Idea | Key Passage | Key Themes | Key People |
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| Embracing the Faith | "...I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live..." (30:19) | Covenant Renewal Review of the Law Obedience and Blessing Generational Discipleship | Moses Joshua |

1. Opening Discussion

- Think of one of your favorite childhood memories. How has this experience impacted your life?

2. Covenant Themes in the Pentateuch

- a. Genesis: Covenant is established
- b. Exodus: The Law of the covenant is given
- c. Leviticus: The God of the covenant is holy
- d. Numbers: Obedience to the covenant is emphasized
- e. Deuteronomy: The covenant is renewed by a new generation

3. Historical Background

- a. Israelites are encamped east of the Jordan; preparing to invade (*map*)
- b. The old generation has died; Moses addresses the new generation
- c. Deuteronomy is a series of 3 addresses delivered by Moses
 - 1:1-4:43; 4:44-28:68; 29-33
- d. At the end of the book, Joshua is appointed to replace Moses (31:1-8)
- e. The book concludes with the account of Moses death (34)

4. The Philosophy of Deuteronomy

- a. Obedience produces blessings; disobedience produces curses
- b. Examples
 - 4:40; 11:26-28 ; 29:9
- c. **Discuss:** Is this philosophy still true? If so, in what sense?

5. The Renewal of the Covenant (chapters 29, 30)

- a. Moses reviews the history of deliverance and the content of the Law given at Sinai (29:1-8)
- b. Moses calls them to obedience (29:9-15)
- c. Moses warns them of the consequences of disobedience (29:16-29)
- d. Moses describes God's invitation to repentance (30:1-10)
- e. Moses calls them to commitment (30:11-20)

6. Embracing the Faith

- Our parent's faith (or lack thereof)
- Moses invited the Israelites to embrace the faith they had inherited
- Sharing of Testimonies

7. Closing reflection

- a. Moses invite the people to enter into the covenant originally made with their parents and grandparents. What would it mean for you to renew/affirm your covenant with God?

Next Week: Joshua
Read chapters 5 and 6