

Families On Mission Week 6 Devotional Guide

Day 36- Numbers 14

There are so many things to learn from this passage, and it's a chapter God has used to encourage and challenge me personally many times. I long to have the obedient faith of Joshua and Caleb as well as the love of God and His people that Moses displayed, don't you?

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions:

- *Are there giants too big for God to deliver you from if you are following Him? Share or write down some "giants" you have seen Him conquer on your behalf.*
- *Is it always wise to follow the crowd? Remember that Jesus said that the way to heaven was narrow and few there be that find it.*
- *What can we learn from Moses' reaction to God's offer of starting over with a group of his own descendants?*

Day 37-- Deuteronomy 5

Now, we're at the end of those 40 years of wandering, and Moses is giving his farewell address before he will die. Joshua will soon lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions:

- *Why do you think Moses reviews the Ten Commandments for the people before they enter the Promised Land?*
- *In v29, the Lord says, "Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me, and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants." Based on what we learned in Leviticus and know about God in general, why do you think it would go well with them if they feared*



(reverenced, stood in awe of) God and kept His commandments?

Day 38-- Deuteronomy 6

I wrote an entire book based largely off this chapter, for it is rich in instruction and hope. [You can find it here if you're interested in diving deeper into Teach Them Diligently, discipleship-based parenting.](#)

It is also fascinating that Moses starts his farewell address in which he shows people how to live in the Promised Land by talking to parents-- not generals, not religious leaders-- PARENTS! The single most influential people in the lives of our children is us, mom and dad!

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions:

- *How are you as a parent using that God-given influence? Are you intentionally teaching your children diligently, day-by-day, hour-by-hour strategically using every situation to point your children's hearts to the God you love and serve? Are you endeavoring to get to know Him and His ways better each day?*
- *Notice the testimony time that starts beginning at v 20. It is so powerful to share your story of deliverance with your children. Not only will it give them insight into your spiritual journey, but it will also serve as a great reminder to you of all that God has done. [There is a whole chapter that breaks down the power of sharing your story in the Teach](#)*

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Them Diligently book. I was amazed at how often you see God using the testimonies of parents throughout His Word to profoundly impact their children's hearts and lives.

Day 39-- Deuteronomy 7

It's as if it's already done deal. "When the Lord brings you into the land... clears away many nations... gives them over to you.. You defeat them..." God was absolutely going to do all of that, but there were some things the children of Israel needed to do as well to keep themselves holy. (V 2-6)

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions and ideas:

- *If God gives you an assignment, or a mission, does the opposition matter? God can move mountains, defeat giants and armies, and provide for His own.*
- *God gives very clear instructions and conditions for His blessings. Why? Does God have a right to expect things from His people? Are there reasons for what God asked of His people?*
- *Already in our study, we have had several times to stop and ponder how big our view of God and His claim to us really is. Are there things you're still not willing to give back to Him? Are you still holding on to anxiety or fear because you don't fully trust Him to provide or protect? If you're looking for a great way to get a REALLY big view of God, I encourage you to start a biography of God by reading through the Psalms and writing down "My God is _____" every time you see a characteristic or mention of God. You'll be awestruck as you get a much clearer view of Him! I certainly have been every time I've done that exercise!*

As God would have it, the day I studied this passage for you, I studied John 6 in my own personal devotions. In that passage, the disciples are terrified until they hear Jesus say, "It is I; do not be afraid." (John 6:20)

That one phrase changed their entire outlook on the situation-- Jesus was there, so the darkness and the waves no longer held the power over them that they once had. How we all need to remember that in every dark and stormy moment of our lives, Jesus is there- and He is in control.

Day 40-- Deuteronomy 8

Remembering is a powerful exercise. By looking back and focusing on what God has done, our faith is often strengthened, our past often makes more sense, and our vision for the future is often refined. In this chapter, Moses is encouraging the children of Israel to remember.

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions and ideas:

- *How can God use the circumstances in your life (or how HAS He used those circumstances) to humble, test, or teach His children as noted in v 2-3. (Once again, you have an amazing opportunity to share your stories with your children, strengthening their faith even as it reinforces yours!)*
- *What are some circumstances in your own life or as a family in which you can look back and clearly see God's provision and working? (see v 4)*
- *Why is it important to guard against pride when things seem to be going well? (v 17-20) Again, this discussion is rich in teaching opportunity for your kiddos at all stages of their life.*

I hope you're getting the picture of how important it is to share, teach, talk about all that God has done and is doing, and disciple your

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children. As parents, we truly do have the most amazing job description ever!

Day 41--Deuteronomy 28

We are nearing the end of Moses' farewell address. He has given a lot of instruction and reminders for them as he prepared them to finally enter the Promised Land.

This chapter details great blessings that come with obedience, but it also holds strong warnings against disobedience.

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions and ideas:

- *Why do you think Moses laid out blessings for obedience and gave warnings against disobedience? Is it merely coming from a God Who wants to control and regulate everything we do, or does it flow from the heart of a God Who loves His children and wants the best for them?*

How we view God and His commands are very important. What view of God are we modeling for our children? Our kiddos will get their view of God largely from us. What a great responsibility and opportunity we have been given. It is stunning to me how often we see the role of parents at the forefront throughout Moses' final words to the Children of Israel.

Day 42--Deuteronomy 29

It's almost like we can hear the weight and finality in what Moses is saying. His farewell address is starting to wind down, and he wants to make sure that the children of Israel don't miss anything.

He reminds them again of what they have seen God do and warns them not to depart from His ways.

Possible meditation, discipleship, and discussion questions:

- *The children always had what they needed as they wandered in the wilderness-- manna, water, clothing, shoes. God faithfully sustained them. What can we learn from the way He chose to do it?*
 - *I have been reminded of the Lord's prayer where Jesus instructs us to pray for our "daily bread." Do you think that phrase would have reminded the people in His day of that manna that fell each day?*
 - *Do you think it's easier for our children to walk by faith daily-- praying for daily bread-- than it is for us moms and dads? Allow your heart to be encouraged by your kiddos' childlike faith!*
- *There are 2 bewares in this passage. Why do you think those 2 things were singled out in v 18?*

Teaching our children diligently is a command for all of us, but it's not always an easy way of life, is it? We are reminded to be constantly intentional and constantly prayerful, knowing full well our need for wisdom that comes from above.

Our heart for TTD families is that we can all lock arms and grow together, and that God will revive our hearts, our families, our churches, etc. through us. We'd love to get to know you better, so we can share our hearts and hurts even as we are becoming more like Christ. I hope you'll [join us at an event](#) and join us through [TTD365](#), so we can truly do this Teach Them Diligently thing together!