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GOD'S DESIGN FOR FAMILY

The background of the slide features a faint, light blue line drawing of a two-story house with a chimney and a porch. Overlaid on this drawing is a dark blue grid pattern, similar to graph paper, which covers the entire slide area.

Why does America feel like this?

In those days there was no king in Israel;
**everyone did what was right
in his own eyes.**

Judges 21:25

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When families have turned away from God...

When a nation has turned away from God...

What can bring hope?

What can bring restoration?

What can bring life?

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Deuteronomy 30

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Moses said to the people of Israel in his goodbye address...

“So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the Lord your God has banished you,” Deuteronomy 30:1

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- In ancient days, the people of Israel were literally scattered from the Promised Land into foreign lands ruled by pagans. This happened multiple times in history, including when Israel was conquered by the Assyrians, later the Babylonians, and later the Romans.
- Because of sin and disobedience, these times of exile were literal, physical removals of the Jewish people from their God-given land.
- What about families and nations today that have not physically moved but instead have spiritually moved away from the Lord?

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“when all of these things have come upon you...”

- What is on your mind these days?
- What is the media talking about?
- What are your neighbors talking about?
- What are your kids learning about?
- Do you wonder what God is up to in our world today?

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“and you return to the Lord your God and obey [שְׁמַע *shema*] Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,” Deuteronomy 30:2

- What kinds of struggles or tragedies could serve as wake-up calls for families who have run away from God?
- What types of events wake up a nation spiritually?
- What could spiritually energize the younger generation?

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“then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.”

Deuteronomy 30:3

*When people repent from sin, what does God promise to do?

Restore... have compassion... gather you again

*How does this process start? God's call and our response.

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What needs to happen in this generation?

- *Our homes and our nation first need spiritual restoration
- *We then need to be gathered (united) under the Cross
- *Only God can accomplish these tasks

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“If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth,
from there the Lord your God will gather you,
and from there He will bring you back.”

Deuteronomy 30:4

- *Do you feel too lost for God to love?
- *Does your family feel too broken?
- *Does your nation seem to be falling apart?

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“The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.” Deuteronomy 30:5

*For Israel, this was a physical restoration to the Promised Land

*For followers of Jesus today, this is a spiritual restoration... a renewal of hearts and minds and relationships

*God promises a future greater than the past for those who return to the Lord and obey Him with all their hearts

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“Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.” Deuteronomy 30:6

Q: What do marriages and families and nations need?

A: Spiritual heart transplants, a revival that will last for multiple generations.

*Let's ask God to help us want what He wants us to want.

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“The Lord your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.” Deuteronomy 30:7

*Right now, many in America are scared and angry

*Right now, many in America want to fight

*Right now, many in America want to defeat their perceived enemies

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“Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; for the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them.’ For the Lord will vindicate His people, and will have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their strength is gone, and there is none remaining, bond or free.”
Deuteronomy 32:35-36

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Moses said, “And you shall again obey [שְׁמַע *shema*] the Lord, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.” Deuteronomy 30:8

- *Spiritual revival begins with a new heart
- *Spiritual revival is fueled by a renewed mind
- *Walking with God requires learning and obeying the Word of God
- *If we want God-honoring families, we need more Bible in our lives
- *If we want a God-honoring nation, we need more Bible in our lives

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“Then the Lord your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the Lord will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; if you obey [שָׁמַעַתָּה *shema*] the Lord your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law [תּוֹרָה *torah*], if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.” Deuteronomy 30:9-10

*Blessing Follows Obedience

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“For this commandment [מִצְוָה *mitzvah*] which I command you today is not too difficult for you [incomprehensible], nor is it out of reach [inaccessible]. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’”

Deuteronomy 30:11-13

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“But the word is very near you, in your mouth [speaking] and in your heart, that you may observe it.” Deuteronomy 30:14

*No generation in history has had more access to God’s Word

*As followers of Jesus...

Are we learning His Word?

Are we obeying His Word?

Are we speaking His Word?

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“See, I have set before you today **life and prosperity [good]**, and **death and adversity [evil]**...”

Deuteronomy 30:15

*Which path do I want for my marriage?

*Which path do I want for my family?

*Which path do I want for my city?

*Which path do I want for my nation?

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As for me
and my
house,
we will serve
the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



Joshua said, "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves today whom you will serve:** whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; **but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**"

Joshua 24:15

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Where can we find LIFE when our world is filled with so much DEATH?

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Matthew 14:27

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“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to **love** the Lord your God, to **walk** in His ways and to **keep** His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.” Deuteronomy 30:15-16

*If I am heart-broken over the condition of my marriage or my family or my nation, what am I willing to do TODAY?

*Stop waiting for others to change, act TODAY.

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Directions to navigate the path of life

- Love the Lord your God HEART
- Walk in His ways HEAD
- Keep His commandments HANDS

*Don't be distracted by what other travelers are doing

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“But if your heart turns away and you will not obey [שָׁמָע *shema*], but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.” Deuteronomy 30:17-18

- American culture today is full of false gods.
- For revival to happen in our homes and in our nation, followers of Jesus must choose the Savior and reject the gods of this culture.

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Moses said, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So **choose life** in order that you may live, you and your descendants” Deuteronomy 30:19

*We make choices every day, some minor and some major.

*When we feel sad or tired or angry, will we choose life?

*When evil seems to be winning, will we choose life?

*When the world ridicules our faith, will we choose life?

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“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying [שְׁמַע *shema*] His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.” Deuteronomy 30:19-20

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What does “Choose Life” mean for us?

- Choose to surrender your heart to Jesus the Savior, the giver of spiritual life
- Choose to walk daily in ways of obedience that pursue spiritual life, not death
- In a marriage, desire to be a spouse that chooses life and grace in your home
- In a family, desire to be a parent that chooses life and joy in your home
- In a congregation, desire to be a Christ-follower that chooses life and forgiveness and holiness and kindness and generosity in your church
- In friendships, look for ways to bless others and help them choose life
- In a city, desire to be a humble, kind person that chooses life over hatred
- In a nation, pray for ways to proclaim and promote spiritual life found in Jesus

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The Apostle Paul, a rabbi and Torah scholar, wrote...

For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

Romans 10:5-8 (quoting Deuteronomy 30)

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that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord,
and believe in your heart that God raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved; for with the
heart a person believes, resulting in
righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses,
resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9-10

*Spiritual revival can begin with us today

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