

Deuteronomy Three

Deuteronomy 3:5-11

Launch

Moses continues his first speech and recaps two of the giant battles the Israelites had to face before entering the promised land. The Israelites had to display obedience to God by entering these battles but also had to believe that God was fighting for them and giving them the strength they needed to be victorious. Even though the Israelites were outmatched by the size of the giant Rephaites, God showed that they were no match to Him or that he was “giant”. Even though we think the Old Testament can be hard to apply to our current lives, we need to learn from the Israelites and know that God is facing these giant battles with us.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 3:1-11. This week's promise is that “A giant inheritance means giant battles”. Where do we see this in the scripture?

We learned about two kings Og and Sihon. Using your map (digital copy available online) look over points 11 and 12. Why was it important that the Israelites had to go to battle against these two kings and their land?

Open your Deuteronomy books and turn to page 2 and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Challenge each other to read through next week's chapter (Deuteronomy 4) before next Sunday! Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

What is the battle? Moses talks about two battles the Israelites faced, a battle against fear and a battle against wanting peace. What is your battle today? Are you fighting a battle where you need to remove the fear of something in your life or a battle of fighting for peace?

Who fights the battle? Whichever kind of battle you are facing, you cannot win alone. We also need to be careful about being passive and think that God will handle our battles for us, rather it's God+Us. What is a battle in your life that you and God need to face together, instead of just you or just God?

How does the battle end? In the Old Testament, we know that the Israelites won both of these giant battles with God by their side and in return will get the giant inheritance of the promised land. Now under the New Covenant, what is our giant inheritance and how do we know the giant battle against sin has already been won?

At the end of chapter 3, we see Moses try to plead with God to let him see the promised land but God refuses and gives him a different command. Why do you think that is?

Pray

Pray for strength for the battles we will face this week or season of life. Pray for our church and the spiritual conversations that will be taking place this week.