

Deuteronomy 8

Deuteronomy 6: 8-14

Launch

In Deuteronomy 8, Moses reminds the Israelites of all that God has done for them. God was the one who disciplined, provided, blessed, and gave them their abilities/talents. As they prepared to enter the Promised Land, God called them to remember, be careful, and not forget what He had done.

This chapter challenges us to stay humble and dependent on God, even in seasons of blessing.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 8: 7-14. This week's promise is *"Do not take credit for what God does."* As you read through scripture, note when you see language that highlights this.

Open your Deuteronomy books to page 2, and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Challenge each other to read through next week's chapter (Deuteronomy 9) before next Sunday! Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

In verses 7-14, Moses paints a picture of the Promised Land, a place overflowing with abundance and blessing. Yet, right in the middle of this description, he issues a strong warning (verse 11) "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God." God knew that comfort and prosperity often cause His people to drift from dependence and gratitude towards a reliance on oneself. *Why do you think prosperity can make it easier to forget God? Can you think of a time in your own life when success or comfort made you less dependent on The Lord?*

In verse 16, God reminds Israel of how He provided manna in the wilderness, the most basic provision that sustained them daily. *How can you grow in gratitude for the "little things" or daily provisions in your own life?*

Read verses 17 and 18. God reminds Israel that He is the source of their strength, success, and provision. In this entire chapter, the word "I" only appears twice. A powerful reminder that the focus is meant to stay on God, not ourselves. *When you start depending more on yourself than on God, what tends to happen in your faith?*

It's also easy to question why God allows trials. Yet Scripture shows that He uses them to shape and strengthen us. *What's one area of your life recently that has been a struggle or trial? How might God use it for good? (See Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28.)*

Pray

Pray that our faith would not grow dull in seasons of comfort or prosperity. Thank God for His provision and blessings, and ask Him to help us remember that every good thing comes from Him.