

“Leaving a Lasting Legacy”

Mount of Olives | June 21, 2026 – Father’s Day | Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, we give thanks today for the earthly fathers in our lives. Please grant them wisdom and humility as they face the challenging task of parenting. Help them to fully grasp the importance of their example and assist them in showing some measure of Christ’s grace and love to their own imperfect children. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Message Notes

2 Timothy 1:5

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 22:6

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

Ephesians 6:4

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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Study Questions – Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

What is a habit or routine that was passed down to you by your family that you still practice today?

If you could choose one lesson for future generations of your family to remember, what would it be?

What is something you care about so deeply that you naturally talk about it with others?

Based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?

2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?

3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What command is given in verse 4, and why is it significant that Israel is told to "hear"?

2. According to verse 5, what do you think it means to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?

3. How does the command to love God differ from merely obeying rules?

4. What does verse 6 mean when it says that God's commands are to be "on your hearts"?

5. According to verse 7, what responsibility do parents and families have in teaching God's truth?

6. What are the various settings mentioned in verse 7 where God's commands should be discussed? What does this suggest about everyday discipleship?

7. In verses 8-9, what symbolic actions are described to help God's people remember His commands? What modern practices might serve a similar purpose?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. What competes for your heart, attention, and devotion that may keep you from loving God fully?

2. How can you intentionally grow in loving God with your heart, soul, and strength this week?

3. What practical steps can you take to keep God's Word more present in your daily life?

4. How can your home become a place where faith is naturally discussed and lived out?

5. If you have children, grandchildren, or younger people in your life, how are you intentionally passing on your faith to them?

6. Which ordinary moments of your day (meals, car rides, bedtime, work breaks, etc.) could become opportunities to talk about God and His truth?

7. What is one specific spiritual practice you could begin this week that would help keep your focus on the Lord and remind you of His presence throughout the day?