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“Passing On Kingdom Values”

The Lie of Autonomy – Missing Out

There’s a lot on the line. God chooses to advance His Kingdom with imperfect people like you and me.

- To get God’s mission right requires understanding and fully embracing His plan.

God drove His point home by providing Israel with a memorable “Ten Commandments” experience.

“When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram’s horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear.” Exodus 20:18

Consider: Why do you think God made this into such a scary encounter? (NS-2)

God’s fearful delivery of the Ten Commandments didn’t curtail Israel’s disregard for His directives.

- On the threshold of the Promised Land, ten of twelve spies chose their way over God’s clear direction – Like Adam and Eve, they chose autonomy over obedience and missed out big time.

Consider: How has choosing your own way impacted you and those you’re in relationship with?

After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, Israel again found themselves on the doorstep of the Promised Land. God, through Moses, reminded them of His life-giving directives. Deut. 5:1-22

- Moses defines for Israel what it takes to align themselves with who God is and what He values.

God’s Expectation – He Wants All of You

It’s clear that when God speaks, He expects His followers to reverence and obey His every Word.

“These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, ²and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live...” Deut. 6:1-3

God wants more than dutiful obedience – He wants us to love Him with all that we are and possess.

“Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NS-3)

Our All-In personal love for God results in our desire and commitment to obey Him wholeheartedly.

“... you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today.” 6:6

Consider: What factors can make it difficult for us to commit to an All-In love for God?

God’s Plan – Pass It On

As we develop a love relationship with Jesus, His Presence fills us and spills out of us onto others.

“Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” Deut. 6:7-8

Effectively passing on Kingdom Values to our children begins with us having healthy marriages.

- Watching their parents get better at loving each other helps children determine that God is relevant.

Practical Steps to Growing Kids Who Love Jesus (NS-4)

1. More is caught than taught. If we don't live out God's Truth, our kids will determine it's not relevant.
2. Prioritize the Spiritual Nurturing of your children. This will require saying no to some of your passions.
3. Your children need to see you falling in love with Jesus. They should see it's a priority and personal.
4. Our children need to see us dealing with our failures in God-honoring ways.
5. Focus on your children's heart and character over their performance and successes.
6. Look for opportunities for you and your family to serve Jesus together.
7. Your children need to know they are heard. This will mean sometimes changing your mind. (NS-5)

Next Steps –

1. Watch any sermon series and work through our helpful sermon guides at www.lebefree.org
2. Take time on your own or with your Life Group to process all the **Consider** questions.
3. Further Study: God wants our All-In love - Deuteronomy 6:5; 7:9; 10:12; 11:1, 13, 22; 13:3; 19:9; 30:6,16, 20; Matthew 22:37–38; Mark 12:29–30; Luke 10:27; Romans 12:1-2
4. Attend the 3-week Connection Class taught by Pastor Ken – **Growing Kids Who Love Jesus**. This class begins next Sunday, August 16, 10:45am in Room A8 – You can sign up in the lobby.
5. Ask your children what they like about your parenting and what they wish was different – We did.

Key Passages – (NLT)

Exodus 20:18-20

When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. ¹⁹ And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!" ²⁰ "Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of Him will keep you from sinning!"

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

"These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, ² and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all His decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. ³ Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ "Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Joshua 24:15

But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

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Joshua 25:15