

The Heart of the Family

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Deuteronomy 6:1-15

When talking to young children, we sometimes repeat ourselves numerous times, finally in exasperation blurting out, “Are you listening?” Moses, in Deuteronomy 6, addresses a new generation of Israelites. He was clearly speaking not for himself, but he was the vessel through whom God was speaking. God’s message to the people was that He desired their respect for His greatness and holiness: that reverent awe the Bible often describes as the “fear of God.” This regard for God would lead the Israelites from wonder and commitment to worship and delight. They would come to know God as their Father.

Through Moses they not only heard God’s commandment to them, but that they must communicate (talk) to their families and “tell the story” of God’s faithfulness over and over again. Why? So that the blessings of obedience to the Word of the Lord would be carried forward from generation to generation.

Making God’s Word the heart of our families, “telling the story,” gives assurance that His promises and belief in them will continue in new generations.

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