

# FACING A NEW FUTURE

| A STUDY OF  
DEUTERONOMY

Have you ever blown an opportunity? Do you feel like you're on the edge of a new one? In this series, we look at the opportunity God gave to Moses and the Israelites in Deuteronomy and how we can seize the opportunities God has given us.

## **Week Nine:** Songs and Symbols

**Text:** Deuteronomy 32

### **Sermon Summary:**

As Moses concludes his series of sermons to the people of Israel, just before they will enter the Promised Land, he teaches them a song to sing as an anthem for them to sing and remind themselves of important truths about God and their relationship with Him. As we conclude our series, let's consider the key messages an anthem of the Christian faith would include:

- We must never forget the indivisible link between love and obedience.
- We must always remember that we are saved by God's grace.
- We love God and others best when we pass along our faith.

### **Discussion Questions:**

*These three larger questions will drive our discussion:*

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

### **What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?**

- Why are songs and symbols powerful tools in unifying people and keeping things in our memory? (Note what God said to Moses about Israel's national anthem in Deuteronomy 31:19-20.)
- Do you have a song or symbol that brings Jesus into your memory? Share it with the group. (You don't have to sing, but you can!!)
- Read Deuteronomy 32:1-6. What stands out to you the most?
- What is the relationship between love for God and obedience to him? Notice what Jesus said in Luke 6:46-49.

### **What are you going to do about it?**

- Israel's national anthem predicted that Israel would break the covenant with God and turn away requiring God to atone for their sins. (Deuteronomy 32:43) God's atonement is an act of grace. Why is grace at the heart of the gospel? (Romans 5:6-8)  
How does grace motivate you to love and obey God?
- Share some specific ways that you can love God and others by passing on your faith.

### **How can others in this group help you or pray for you?**

- What are some commitments you can make to ensure that this fall will be a time of passing on what Jesus has done for you?
- How can someone in your group support you as you pursue those commitments?

### **Possible Application:**

Choose a song that captures the truths you want to internalize and pass along to your children. Start playing that song and singing it with them daily so that you all learn it by heart. Talk about what the truths are that are important to you and why.

Identify a person in your life who needs to experience the grace of Jesus. Tell them what his grace has meant to you.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8*

### **Biblical Manhood and Womanhood**

Encourage everyone in your small group to pick a time and go through Biblical Manhood or Womanhood. Ask them to sign up online as soon as possible.

Encourage your apprentices to lead the discussion groups rather than you doing it. This will give them valuable leadership experience.

- Biblical Womanhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
  - <https://www.hcbc.com/women/>
  - Thursday Mornings - 9:30am
  - Thursday Evenings - 7:30pm
  - Saturday Mornings - 9:00am
- Biblical Manhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
  - <https://www.hcbc.com/men/>
  - Tuesday Evenings - 8:00pm
  - Wednesday Mornings - 6:30am
  - Saturday Mornings - 7:00am
- Studies start the week of Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and continue Fall 2020 - Spring 2021