



DISCUSSION GUIDE FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

- What memory aids do you use to help you remember things?

Dig Deep

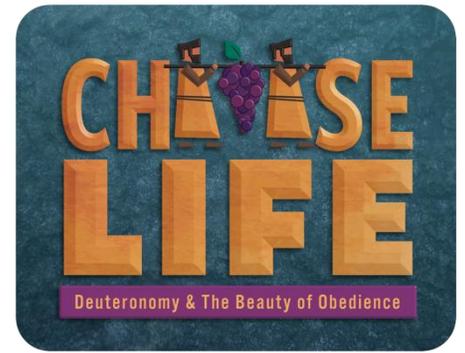
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:1-11

1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. **2** Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. **3** He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. **4** Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. **5** Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. **6** Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. **7** For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; **8** a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; **9** a land where bread will not be scarce, and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron, and you can dig copper out of the hills. **10** When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. **11** Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

- Why do you think Israel needed to experience the discipline and blessings of God's action in the wilderness? **Deut. 8:1-5**
- What are some of the abundant blessings the Lord is providing Israel? **Deut. 8:6-9**
- Why is praise so important? What are some benefits to worshipping God every day? **Deut. 8:10-11, 14**

Do Big

- What do you think your life would be like if you never experienced discipline? How has the Lord disciplined you in your life?
- How does discipline and love work together?
- How has pride gotten in your way to praising God?



LEADERS

Context

Read Deuteronomy 8

Key Thoughts

One of the first steps to spiritual maturity is to see ourselves as God sees us, warts and all, then to seek to become all that God wants us to be.

Essentials for Israel's conquest and enjoyment of the promised land were...

- Listen to God's word
- Remember God's word
- Humbly obey God's word
- Praise God for keeping His word.

Challenge

As the God seeks to mature His children, He will...

- Test us – 8:1-2
- Teach us – 8:3
- Care for us – 8:4
- Discipline us – 8:5

Weekly Memory Verse

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18