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Theme: _____

Date: First Sunday, January 5, 2025

This Year's Text: Deuteronomy 8:18

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.”

This Year's Theme: Stewarding The Big 5 in 2025!

Introduction

The most powerful message that anyone can introduce you to is that of _____.

Why?

_____ is based upon:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The God of the Bible operates by _____.

The Old Testament is the old or _____.

The New Testament is the new or _____.

Jeremiah 31:31

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:”

The Book of Deuteronomy is:

- _____ is given credit as the author
- the 5th Book in the _____, the first five books of the Hebrew and Christian Bible
- words or _____
- the Second Law or _____
- based on repetition of the _____ of God, _____ to God, _____ in God and _____ God.

The function of any covenant is to _____

Covenants should never weaken or _____.

Our Focal Verse for 2025 is **Deuteronomy 8:18**

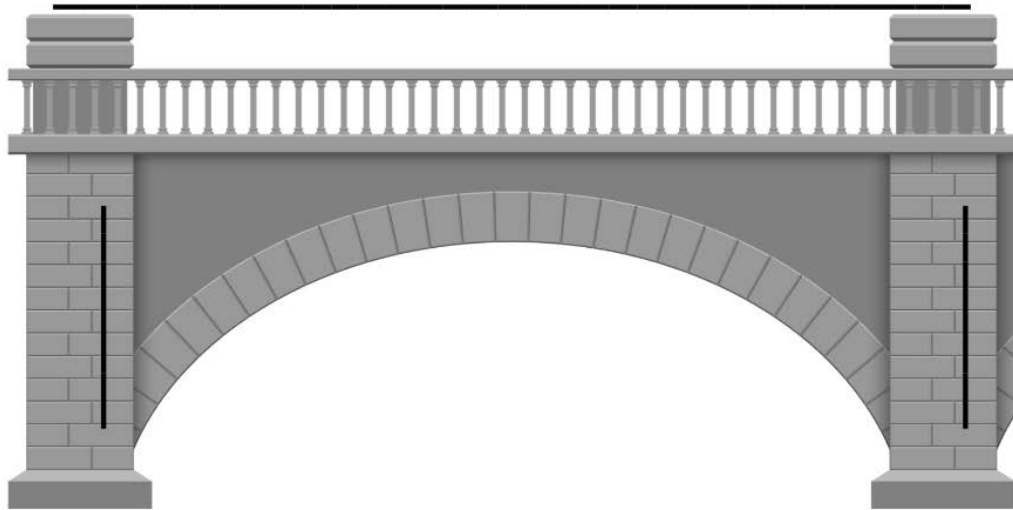
“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.”

At least two words from this text should stand out:

- _____
- _____

To this list, let's add this: _____

The bridge between “Remember” and “Covenant”



God desires to position you so that you can handle a _____ relationship with Him. _____ people cannot handle Covenant Living.

The plan of God is for us to operate in wealth. Now many have taken the word _____ out of its original meaning.

The true meaning of wealth is based upon five things:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

South African Safaris, the Reserves of great distinction will advertise The Big 5: lions, leopards, rhinoceroses, elephants and buffalos.

The word _____ is the key word to the Book of Deuteronomy.

Remember – _____;

to be _____;

to _____;

to be _____;

to _____.

Why was Moses' initial emphasis focused on remembering?

Moses knew that the trauma of wandering in the wilderness for 40 years would bring about some level of _____.

While the wilderness may have been traumatic, this was not God's purpose for the wilderness for them.

Deuteronomy 8:2

“And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.”

The wilderness was for the purpose of: **Deuteronomy 8:2-4**

- _____ - to weaken arrogance
- _____ - to test
- _____ - to know of themselves
- _____ - manna
- _____ - raiment
- _____ - feet did not swell

The goal of remembering is to reflect not on the situation but on the source which sustained you in the process.

This year our focus is on making the connection to the wealth that the Lord desires to get to us and to be effective stewards of that wealth:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

_____ is the act of taking care of something or someone on behalf of another. This is done by administration, guardianship and safekeeping.

Jesus taught in _____, The Parable of the Talents, that a faithful steward does more than maintain what has been given to them, but they bring increase to what has been entrusted to them.

Prayer Request: List your Prayer Request on a Prayer Card to be placed on the altar.

Corporate Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for calling me out of the wilderness of my mind and my life. Your consistent love, faithfulness and grace in my life calls me to a Covenant relationship with You.

Please help me to remember Your generosity to me! More than words, let my attitude reflect that I am in a position to operate in the wealth that You have assigned to my life. My stewarding efforts will not be unto people, as people-pleasers but it will be for Your glory and honor.

I will operate in trust and not fear.

I will be diligent in the upkeep of my temple; body, mind and soul.

I will seek to maintain a healthy relationship with my tribe.

I will cultivate my territory and defend it from all opposition.

I will be faithful over all of the treasures You have given to me.

I offer this prayer not just for me but my brothers and sisters. I declare that they will experience great success so that Your Name will be great in their lives and a witness to the world.

Thank You Jesus for hearing and answering my prayer!

Amen!!!

This assignment calls us to a Corporate Fast. Fasting is a time when we abstain from food and/or anything that is a part of our daily lives (e.g. internet, social media, cell phone use, etc...) that we depend upon.

Change is never easy because change brings us to a place that is unfamiliar or uncomfortable. The disciples could not cast a demon out of the child but when Jesus showed up, Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, and it came out of the child. The disciples asked, why could we not cast it out?

Jesus said, “**Howbeit this kind (results) goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**” **Matthew 17:21**

Fasting Schedule:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 6 am to 3 pm _____
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 6 am to 6 pm _____
- Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 6 am to 9 pm _____
- Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 6 am to 12 midnight _____
- Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ 6 am to 12 midnight _____

We will observe a **Complete Fast**; water and juice only! If taking medication is part of your daily regimen, please consult your physician before skipping dosages or taking medication without food.

Focus: Each Tuesday, please read **Deuteronomy 8:18**, pray the **Corporate Prayer** and focus on the assigned topics.

Application: Find some creative way to put into practice the focus of the week. _____ Make it fun and not a chore!!!

The Big 5 CORPORATE FASTING Application

For each Tuesday, write how creatively you put the focus of the week into practice. Make it fun!!!

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