

## Sermon Follow-up | November 3, 2019

### **The Torah — Moses' Final Instructions**

**Focus Passage:** Deuteronomy 1:1–8; 30:1–15

**Additional Context:** Deuteronomy 30:1–20

**Other Passages Referenced:** John 1:4; 10:10; 11:25; Acts 1:8

**Sermon Recap:** The Israelites find themselves at basically the same place they (or their parents) had been forty years earlier. At that time, they sent spies into the Promised Land to bring back a report in preparation to enter the land with the entire people. However, ten of the twelve spies saw major obstacles to occupying the land and brought back a negative report. Fearing the dangers, they failed to trust God's promise to give them the land (Numbers 13). As a result, the LORD delayed the Israelite entry into the Promised Land for forty years until those faithless people died. This time, the people were faced with the same decision as forty years earlier—to trust God or not. Moses proclaimed, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live."

### **STORIES 22–24 from the E100 — Pages 29–30 of the Fall Chapel-wide Study Guide**

#### **Connect:** *Making Honest Connections with One Another*

*As you reflect on our "Commitment Sunday" service, did you find yourself encouraged, challenged, or convicted in any particular way?*

*How was your experience with **living by** God's word this past week?*

*How were you able **to let others know** about what God's word says this past week?*

#### **Grow:** *Listening to and Learning from God's Word*

##### **READ: Stories 19–21 from the Fall Chapel-wide Study**

1. Were there any parts of the passages that you found hard to understand?
2. Can you give a synopsis of each of the stories in your own words?
3. Did you see human rebellion/sin or idolatry in any of the passages?
4. Did you see God's judgment of rebellion/sin in any of the passages?
5. Did you see God's love and grace in any of the passages?
6. Can you see how any of the passages relate to other passages you have studied?
7. Do you see any ways in which any of the passages have connections to Jesus in the New Testament?
8. Are there any promises in the passages we need to remember and trust?
9. Are there any commands in the passages we need to obey?

#### **Serve:** *Serving King Jesus and Others By Living Out and Letting Others Know God's Word*

1. In response to the sermon, can you identify and name any particular “giants” or obstacles that cause you to fear and choose disobedience rather than choosing Jesus and His way of obedience that brings abundant life?
2. What do you believe God’s Spirit is saying to you specifically about living by His word that we have been listening to and learning from? Will you make a specific effort to live by His word by filling in the blank of this statement? — “With the Holy Spirit’s help, I will \_\_\_\_\_ to live by God’s word in the coming week.”
3. What does it mean for you to “proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”? — “With the Holy Spirit’s help, I will let \_\_\_\_\_ know what I am hearing and learning from God’s word.”

### **Further Resources**

- Illustrations and quotes from the sermon can be found on the “Sermon Slides” link at the bottom of [www.wcchapel.org](http://www.wcchapel.org)
- The Cutting Room Floor — [www.wcchapel.org/thecuttingroomfloor](http://www.wcchapel.org/thecuttingroomfloor)