

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 4, Week 11 :: A New Heart

Treasure Story: Deuteronomy 30:1-19

All good leaders want to leave this life knowing their people are headed in the right direction. This was certainly true of Moses as we read his final instructions in today's Treasure Story. Moses knew that the Israelites had a great fork in the road before them. They could choose to obey God and experience life, or they could choose to disobey God and experience death. We also have the same choice before us every day. When we do obey God and receive His blessing, it is a testimony of His great grace despite our inclination to sin.

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"A consciousness of our powerlessness should cast us upon Him who has all power. Here then is where a vision and view of God's sovereignty helps, for it reveals His sufficiency and shows us our insufficiency."

- A. W. Pink

Despite our best efforts, we naturally gravitate toward things that are ultimately unprofitable. Left to ourselves, we would choose disobedience and death every time. This is why God's grace is so amazing. He can incline our hearts to choose obedience and life without controlling us or making puppets out of us. He has a way of giving us a new heart with new desires to do what pleases Him. Here are a few thoughts to help us see the wonder of His grace in our right choices:

- **If It's Good, It Was God:** We make so many decisions each day that we often fail to recognize God's subtle but real influence over the right decisions. Be very intentional with your children to stop and think about your daily choices and to thank God for His guidance. God helps us make good choices. Confess to God when you fail to obey Him in the bad choices.
- **Decision Prep:** Develop a strategy with your children of praying together before a decision needs to be made. Then be sure to take time to debrief after the decision is made to thank the Lord. He is the one who helped you overrule your sinful tendencies. Let this "decision prep" become a discipline that you cultivate in yourself and in your children.

My Mission As Parent

- Do you just assume that you will do the right thing? Does it ever occur to you to stop and think that you are incapable of doing anything right apart from God's grace?
- How can you consistently model for your children a reliance on God to change your heart and help you to obey Him?

Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to help you see that the choice to obey Him is supernatural and comes only by His grace.
- Pray for the Lord to help you see your sinful tendencies and your need for His grace.
- Pray with your children and ask the Lord to show you how Christ's sacrifice empowers you to choose obedience and life.