

# Connecting Church and Home

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## Quarter 4, Week 12 :: The Song of Moses

### Treasure Story: Deuteronomy 32

There is a certain amount of realism that comes from dealing with people. We all have hopes of how we wish people would act, but reality has trained us to think otherwise. This was certainly true of Moses in today's Treasure Story. I'm sure if we could have asked Moses, "Do you wish the people to go into the land and never stray from God?" he would have said "yes." Instead of focusing on his hopes, however, Moses gave the people a realistic picture of what their sin would bring. His realistic perspective helps us appreciate even more the true freedom that the promised Messiah would one day bring for all people. That freedom would mean redemption through Christ and the ability to properly worship and obey God.

### Connect

"Let weak Christians know that a spark from heaven, though kindled under green wood that sobs and smokes, yet it will consume all at last."

- Richard Sibbes

The inevitability of failure is a ghost that haunts all believers. We know that ultimately in Christ we will triumph over sin, but we must also face the reality that our struggle with sin is ongoing. Just like the children of Israel, we too will receive good at the hand of the Lord, but His goodness will not keep us from failing to please Him. What we do have is this hope: no matter how much we fail, God's provision for sin in Christ will heal us and help us persevere until the end. Here are a few thoughts to consider about the inevitability of failure and victory:

- **Getting Back Up:** Just like a runner who falls in a race, we need to practice getting back up spiritually. For us and our children, this practice means confessing our sin and looking more on Christ than we do on our sin when we have failed. The best way to get across the finish line as a runner is to keep your eyes on it. In the same way, we must keep our eyes on Christ.
- **Celebrating Early:** If Jesus has conquered sin and death, then we should remember that by celebrating. Why wait to the very end when we are in heaven to celebrate? Take time every day with your children to celebrate the inevitability of victory over sin. Explain to them that even though we still struggle with sin, we can be confident that Jesus will help us persevere today and one day make us never sin again.

### My Mission As Parent

- Do you ever just get tired of your own sin and the sin of your children? The inevitability of it can be frustrating. However, it can also help us to appreciate what Christ has done even more.
- What can you be doing to help your children understand that even though we still struggle with sin, Jesus has gained the victory? How can you build anticipation for them to long for the day when they will be in God's presence never to sin again?

### Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to help you to acknowledge your sin but not grow weary in the struggle against it.
- Pray for the Lord to help you long for the day when—through Jesus—sin will no longer have a hold on you.
- Pray with your children and ask the Lord to give you strength to persevere until the day when we will be in God's presence never to sin again.