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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Deuteronomy

Main Idea

Have you ever felt the tension between wanting to play it safe and sensing God calling you to step out in faith? Maybe you've wrestled with fear, uncertainty, or the temptation to stay in your comfort zone instead of stepping into the unknown.

The book of Deuteronomy is a call to faithfulness. As the Israelites stood on the edge of the Promised Land, Moses reminded them of their history, God's expectations, and the courage required to move forward. They had seen God's power in Egypt and His provision in the wilderness, yet they still had a choice—cling to safety or trust Him completely.

Like them, we face moments where faith demands action. The world tells us to avoid risk, but Moses' life shows us that the greatest moments happen when we abandon "safe" and follow God. Through the book of Deuteronomy, we explore what it means to live by faith, let go of the past, and step boldly into God's plans.

**By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger;
he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.**

HEBREWS 11:27

Make It Practical

Safe Will Keep You Stuck

- Choosing comfort over faith can trap us in the past, keep us satisfied with the present, and make us afraid of the future.
- Isaiah 43:18-19

Faith Requires Action

- Moses didn't just believe—he acted. He chose to follow God's call even when it was risky.
- Hebrews 11:24-27

Faith Focuses on God, Not Fear

- When Moses first doubted (Exodus 4:13), he asked God to send someone else. But faith calls us to trust God beyond our fears.
- Hebrews 11:27

Keep Taking Steps of Faith

- Faith isn't a one-time decision—it's a journey.
- Hebrews 11:28-29
- We, too, must keep trusting and moving forward, one step at a time.

Talk About It

1. What does it mean to “live by faith” in your daily life? Can you think of a time when you had to step out of your comfort zone and trust God?
2. Hebrews 11:27 says that Moses “persevered because he saw him who is invisible.” What are some practical ways we can keep our focus on God when we face fear or uncertainty?
3. Pastor Curt mentioned that playing it “safe” can keep us trapped in the past, satisfied with today, or afraid of tomorrow. Which of these challenges do you relate to most, and how can faith help you move forward?

Playing it “safe” will rob you of your greatest moments.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that true faith requires us to step beyond what feels safe and trust You completely. Like Moses, help us to see beyond our fears and uncertainties, fixing our eyes on You, the One who is always faithful. Give us the courage to follow where You lead, the strength to persevere, and the trust to know that You are always at work in our lives. May we live by faith, not by fear, and walk boldly into the plans You have for us. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Next Steps

- Identify one area where fear or comfort is holding you back – Ask God to reveal where you might be choosing “safe” over faith, and take one step toward trusting Him in that area.
- Spend time in Scripture and prayer – Read Hebrews 11 and reflect on the examples of faith. Ask God for the courage to follow Him, even when the path is uncertain.
- Take one bold step of faith this week – Whether it’s having a tough conversation, serving in a new way, or trusting God with a big decision, commit to stepping out in faith and seeing how God moves.
- Encourage someone else to live by faith – Share what you’ve learned with a friend or family member and challenge them to trust God in their own journey.