

REMEMBER!

Deuteronomy 1-3

Wisdom includes remembering past successes and failures, and learning from them

LET'S GET STARTED

"Don't forget!" Those two words have helped us avoid costly mistakes all of our lives. Success in most any venture includes remembering the right things. God used Moses to remind the Israelites of events in their past in order to prepare them for life in the Promised Land. In this message, we will survey some of Moses' reminders to his people, and we'll see how those same cues apply to our lives today.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Things Moses reminded the people of in Deuteronomy 1-3:

- "God has given you the land of Canaan" (1:8).
- "You survived the Exodus because God watched over you" (2:7).
- "When you failed to trust God, you suffered major setbacks" (1:19-46).
- "Your successes were all caused by God" (2:24-33).
- "God's discipline can be severe" (3:21-29).

Deuteronomy 4:9—⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Romans 15:4—For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Quotable

The Book of Deuteronomy might very well be called a book of remembrance. . . [It is] about the kind of things we ought to remember, and the purpose for which we ought to remember them.

—James Hastings

Developing the habit of remembering what God has done for us, keeps our minds focused on God's faithfulness, gives us opportunity to praise Him, helps us recognize His blessings, and helps us avoid sin.

—Julia Bruce

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Be Equipped (Deuteronomy), by Warren Wiersbe (David C. Cook, 2010)

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LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES

- God's _____ is your best asset.

Romans 8:31-32—³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

- When you demand _____ from God, you're not trusting Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6—⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

2 Corinthians 5:7—We live by faith, not by sight.

- Sometimes failure is a _____ than success.

1 Corinthians 10:1-12—¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: *"The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."* ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put the Israelites' experiences in the wilderness to good use in our own lives by remembering—and heeding—the hard lessons they learned along the way.

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