

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Seeking Our Future

Week 2: Fighting for What Matters Most

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Principle 3: Fight for the Heart.

Moses re-establishes the cornerstone principle of the nation (**Deuteronomy 6:4**).

Exodus 20:6 makes an important connection between love & obedience.

Moses explains the missing link that so often occurs when we allow our faith to become a system of rules. The only thing that separates a living faith from a ritualistic belief is one word, one idea, one compelling force: Love.

Moses clearly connects the idea of obeying God's commandments to the issue of love (**Deuteronomy 6:5**).

If you want to pass on a legacy to the next generation, it has to be transferred relationally.

Moses connects the past to their future with that one pivotal statement: (**Deuteronomy 6:5**).

Why now? How is this relevant to the legacy? What does that have to do with enduring in faith & loving God? And, how can you command people to love?

Moses was asserting that from this point on you should transition from a people who simply obey rules to a people who pursue a love relationship with God.

Moses was warning the people about the danger of passing down rules without the context of a loving relationship.

Moses told the Israelites there would come a day when their kids would question the rules. (**Deuteronomy 6:20**). He advised them ... (**Deuteronomy 6:21-24**).

God can be trusted.

The most important way you fight for the heart is to build a relationship that is trustworthy.

The main point is that God can always be trusted.

God will always fight for the hearts of the people He loves.

Obedience starts when you really believe that God can be trusted.

Your ability, your strength, your desire to love your children the right way starts with learning how to love God the right way.

QUESTION: How are you fighting for the heart of your family?