

The background of the slide features two lit torches. The torches have perforated metal bodies. One torch is in the foreground, angled towards the left, with a bright flame. The second torch is behind it, angled towards the right, also with a flame. A five-pointed star is visible on the side of the second torch. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Home Central Passing on Faith

Fall 2014 Sermon Series

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So Far...

- God has designed
 - us intentionally
 - faith passed on through us
- Scripture tells us:
 - light to world – Phil. 2:15, Matt. 5:14
 - known by Love – John 15
 - sharing Gospel matters – Rom. 10:14-17
 - ambassadors – 2 Cor. 5:18-21
- Great Commission Mandate – Matt. 28:18ff

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Setting for Deut. 6

- Deut. 4:5-9 “ See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

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⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?"

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Deut. 6:1-9 “ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

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- .³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.
- ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

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1. Essential for Generations 1-3

a) has implications far beyond you

- repeated theme in the texts – generations
- important to legacy

b) Covenant and Consequences

- 5:29 “ Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!”

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- 5:33 “You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.”
- clear promise of God that affects generations and their lives

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2. Starts With You 4-6

a) authenticity is critical

- not a list of do and don't do items
- passion that is modeled and caught

b) being is important

- heart – soul – might Passion & Purpose
- impossible to give what you don't have

c) hiding truth in your heart

- Psalm 119:11 “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

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3. Home is Central to Design 6-9

a) Teach them Diligently

- intentional – plan to pass on
- recognition – God's work and our response to that work

b) Conversation Common to Life

- while you do life as a family..... See God
- sit, walk, lie down, rise up...
- notice the assumption – life together

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c) Evident in Your Environment

- sign of the covenant – we are the Lord's
- constant reminders for us – we are his
- sign to the world around you – we believe

4. Prone to Wander

- easy to live without seeing what we have
- human nature – blessing without recognition
- stakes are big – word of God clear

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a) Perspective in Blessing 10 – 12

- “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you— with great and good cities that you did not build,¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full,¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

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b) Keep the God Story Current 20-26 -
“When your son asks you in time to come,
‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and
the statutes and the rules that the LORD our
God has commanded you?’²¹ then you shall
say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in
Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt
with a mighty hand.²² And the LORD showed
signs and wonders, great and grievous,
against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all
his household, before our eyes.

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²³ And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴ And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵ And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.' ”

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So What

1. Implications for Generations
2. Must have Personal Authenticity
 - growth in your own faith
3. God Designed the Home as Foundational
 - intentional, verbal and environmental
4. Perspective must be Maintained
 - prone to wander

Communion Time