

***Scripture Reading:***

<sup>NKJ</sup> Deuteronomy 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

<sup>R60</sup> Deuteronomy 6:7 y las repetirás a tus hijos, y hablarás de ellas estando en tu casa, y andando por el camino, y al acostarte, y cuando te levantes.

<sup>NKJ</sup> Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

<sup>R60</sup> Ephesians 6:4 Y vosotros, padres, no provoquéis a ira a vuestros hijos, sino criadlos en disciplina y amonestación del Señor.

I. Starting Out Right – Joshua

- The generation that entered the Promise Land was “on-fire” for God.
  1. They hurried to obey God. – Joshua 4:10
  2. They reinstated the practices of God’s Law. – Joshua 5:10-12
  3. They enthusiastically obeyed God even if it seemed “ridiculous”. – Joshua 6 – The Battle of Jericho.
  4. They confronted and disciplined sin in the camp. – Joshua 7 – Achan’s sin.
  5. They challenged their brothers when they thought they were disobeying God. – Joshua 22:10 – The misunderstood altar.
  6. They committed to obey God’s Word completely. – Joshua 24:15-25

II. What happened to their kids? – Judges

- The theme of Judges: “every man did that which was right in his own eyes” – Judges 17:6; 21:25
  1. They did not drive out all of the people. – Judges 1:21
  2. The judges progressively grew more and more wicked. Judges 3 – 16
  3. The spiritual leaders of Israel (Levites) were also morally wicked. Judges 17 – 21

III. A light in the midst of darkness. – Ruth

- The account recorded in the book of Ruth occurred during the same time period as the accounts recorded in the book of Judges.
- What kind of man was Boaz?
  - A man of Godly character.
    - Genuine concern for his workers. (2:4)
    - A man of integrity in his relationships with women. (2:8; 3:8)
    - Obedient to God’s Law.
      - Left part of the field for the poor to reap. (2:7 => Lev. 19:9 – 10)
      - Even if it may have meant a loss for himself. (4:1 => He was not the closest relative.)

IV. What does this mean for you?

- Where did Boaz come from, even in the midst of a despicable generation?
  - We don’t know anything in detail about Boaz’s parents, but it is obvious that in the midst of a morally declining society, they passed on genuine faith to their son, who in turn passed in on to his son (Obed), who passed it on to his son (Jesse), who passed it on to his son (David)! – The line of Christ.
- Deuteronomy 6:7
  - Our being committed to God is not enough (in itself) for our kids. (6:4,5)
  - Our knowledge of His word is not enough (in itself) for our kids. (6:6)
  - We must diligently instruct them. (6:7)
    - It involves both parents (although the primary responsibility is w/ Dad – Eph. 6:4)
    - Instruction that brings Scripture into every context of life.

<sup>NKJ</sup> 3 John 1:4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.  
 No tengo yo mayor gozo que este, el oír que mis hijos andan en la verdad.