



DIGGING IN

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them,

¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Exodus 12:50-51

2. Judges 2:11-12

3. Judges 10:6-7

4. 2 Kings 17:5-7

5. 2 Kings 25:8-12

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

Just as God assembled Israel and gave them a purpose, He has done the same for our group. What kind of response does this demand from us?

We can learn a lot about what to do as well as what not to do from Israel. What behaviors or traits do we observe in Israel that we should adopt as a group? What are some behaviors we observe that we should avoid?

Have we already picked up some bad habits as a group that we need to ditch in order to become more like the group that God has called us to be? If so, what do we need to change?

We saw several times that the Israelites became distracted and forgot their primary purpose as well as their first priority, God. What are some things that might distract us from accomplishing our purpose?

What are some consequences that might come from being distracted from our purpose?

Do we really desire to maximize the potential for God to do something amazing in and through our group, or are we merely content with keeping things the way they always have been? What do we need to do about this?

Let's be real for a moment. In order for God to use this group, it will definitely cost each of us something. Following God always does. Are we really ready to give up anything, perhaps everything, to follow Him? What are you worried that following God might cost you?

How might God bless this group if we continue to strive for obedience and allow Him to use us?