LEARNING HOW TO FINISH WELL

DEUTERONOMY 3:12-3:29

| 1 | As Joshua prepared to lead the Israelites into Canaan, Moses encouraged him with these words, "as the Lord your God has doneso will he do" (Deut 3:21). | | |
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| | ➡ How have you seen God demonstrate his power, love, and faithfulness in your life in the past? Remember different time periods: before January 2020, in the last six months, in the last six weeks, etc. | | |
| | ♥ In what aspects of your present situation, do you need to remember the truth that "as he has done, so he will do"? How do those words bring encouragement and comfort and challenge to your heart? | | |
| 2 | Have you ever pleaded with God about something only to have God say, "no"? How do you normally respond when you don't get your way? | | |
| | What can we learn from Moses in Deut. 3:23-26 and Paul in 2 Cor. 12:7-10 about times when God doesn't give us what we desperately want? | | |
| | Q Can you think of an example where the Lord said "no," and now in retrospect you see his refusal as a kind blessing? See also Romans 8:26-28. | | |
| 3 | Moses had to help his young protégé Joshua fulfill the dream he always had for himself. Moses had to invest in the success of Joshua (Deut. 3:28) and watch him do the very thing he always longed for. | | |
| | Q Can you recall a time where you had to help someone succeed at the very thing you wished you could be doing? Think of work situations, child-rearing, a friend getting to do something you've always wanted. | | |
| | ♥ What kind of spiritual battle was going on inside of you? How did you struggle? What temptations did you face? | | |

| | • | What is required if someone is going to respond in a God-pleasing way in those circumstances? | |
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| | | What corresponding applications ecan be discerned from David helping Solomon build the temple (1Ch | ron. 22, 28)? |
| 4 | And | other person's sin can be a spark that ignites our own transgression. | |
| | | Discuss Psalm 106:32-33. "They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on the bitter, and he spoke rashly with his lips." Israel's discontentment and complaining frustrated Moses to the second s | eir account, for they made his spirit he point where he responded sinfully. |
| | Q | Discuss times in your life when you've felt like someone else caused you to sin, or when you have had to p | pay for the instigations of others. |
| | O ₀ | What can we learn from this costly incident in Moses' life? How should we respond when others stir us t | up to anger? |
| | © | How can the word guide you in responding to the sin of others? Discuss first Romans 12:17-20, then think of other passages of scripture to share that can ground your responses in God's word. | PRAYER REQUESTS |
| 5 | RES | SPOND IN PRAYER | |
| | | Thank God for fighting on your behalf and strengthening your heart in the face of spiritual opposition. | |
| | > | Praise God for raising up future leaders to take the baton from those who are aged and worn. | |
| | > | Pray that God would give you a keen sense of solidarity with other believers such that you're willing to do spiritual battle until all the people of God come to rest. | |
| | > | Ask God to help you trust him and respond rightly when his answer to prayer is "no." | |
| | > | Pray that the Lord would give you humility and grace to help others fulfill the dream you always had for yourself. Ask God to help you invest in the success of others. | |
| | > | Thank God for his perfect will and way. | |
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