

1 In Deuteronomy 6:1, Moses was commanded to teach the people. What comes to mind when you hear the words “rules,” “laws,” “commandments,” or “instructions?”

⚙️ *Why is it important to keep the idea of relationship in view when we think about God's rules?*

📖 *Read Deut. 5:33 and 6:2-3. Sometimes people view rules and requirements like stifling or suffocating killjoys. What is God's purpose behind statutes and commands according to these verses?*


♥️ *What kind of shift needs to happen in our perspective to help us appreciate instead of endure God's laws?*

2 Notice God's people's responses to His nearness in Deuteronomy 5:22-33. What emotions did it evoke in his people?

♥️ *Can you describe a time when you experienced God's presence?*


🗨️ *How did that experience affect you and your faith?*


3 **What is a mediator?** How did Moses act as one in Deuteronomy 5:27?

 How does the Israelites' request for a mediator point us to our need for the one true Mediator, Jesus Christ (see Job 9:32-33)?


 How does Jesus act as a go-between (see 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25)?

4 **What are some things you're afraid of?** How can fear be a good thing?

 What does it mean to fear the Lord (Deuteronomy 5:29; 6:2)? How is it different from being afraid of God?

 What are some evidences that a person is living in the fear of God?

5 **According to Deuteronomy 5:27-29, what did God's people intend to do?** What happened before too long, however (see Judges 2:1-12)?

 Think of a time when your good intentions just failed to become reality. What warnings does God have for you in these passages?

Prayer Points:

- > Thank God for giving us instructions for life.
- > Praise him for his majesty, glory, and power.
- > Thank God for sending a Mediator better than Moses to intercede for us.
- > Ask God to help you submit to the authority of his Word in both your attitudes and actions.
- > Give thanks for how the Lord rewards those who diligently seek him.
- > Pray that God helps you live in both fear and devotion before him.