**DEUTERONOMY 1:19-33** 

### FAITH OVER FEAR

Moses reminded the Israelites of the day when Twelve spies were sent to observe Canaan before the Israelites entered the land. When the spies came back with some news that the people who lived there were so big, the Israelites were very scared and refused to enter the land. Because of their fear and unbelief, it took so long for them to reach the promised land while in fact, they were already very close to it.

Fear is a normal feeling people have when facing danger. There are many reasons that cause people to have fear. One of the most common reasons is that they are unsure about what they will face ahead of them. Fear will prevent people from enjoying God's best blessing. Fear might delay the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives.

The only antidote to overcome fear is to have faith in God. When you know there is someone whom you can wholeheartedly trust and who never fails you, it gives you assurance. You do not have to dwell in your fear anymore. Just surrender your fear to God and remember His promises that He will always be with you. Have faith in Him.

### Key verse:

Deuteronomy 1:21 Do not fear or be discouraged.

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### Prayer

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid. But I know You can help me and You will always help me. I don't want to dwell in my fear because I have You, Jesus, who is always by my side. Amen.



### THERE IS NO ONE LIKE GOD

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Moses reminded the Israelites about the awesomeness of God, how God miraculously showed wonders when they were in Egypt. He helped them escape from slavery. He took care of them during their 40 years in the wilderness. God did a lot of wonders that people had never seen before. Those were the acts of God's love. There is no one like Him.

What God did for the Israelites revealed who God was. It didn't only stop there, as who He was is still the same as who He is now. The Bible tells that He is God in heaven and on earth. Heaven is beyond comprehension. God has authority over all that. He created the earth for us to live on, in a relationship with Him where we experience His presence and provision. Those were the acts of God's love. There is no one like Him.

God loves you; there is no doubt about it. Let's have a big faith in God, trust in His awesomeness and protection while we are on earth, obey Him and all will be well with us.

#### Key verse:

Deuteronomy 4:39 He is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other god.

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#### Prayer

Dear God, there is no one like You on earth. Help me to always remember the love and grace and blessing that come from You. Amen.



# OUR GOD IS 100% FAITHFUL.

Gravity is a force of attraction that pulls together all objects. No matter how big or how small an object being thrown up, it will fall back to the ground. Regardless of the weather, that object will always fall back to the ground. Gravity is totally faithful to do its job 100 % of the time.

God told the Israelites that even though they were the smallest nation, He chose them simply because He loved them. He was faithful thus He kept His promises that He made to Abram, Isaac and Jacob.

God also shows His faithfulness to all of us. Millions of years have passed. Seasons change. The earth becomes different somehow. But there is one thing that will never change: God's faithfulness. He is 100% faithful.

Even when you feel little, God is with you. Even when you feel unimportant, God is with you. God is with you whenever you are happy or sad. Just believe in Him because He is faithful and He loves you.

#### Key verse:

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Deuteronomy 7:9 He is the faithful God. He will keep His agreement of love for a thousand lifetimes.

### Prayer

Dear faithful God, here I come to commit all my trust into Your hands. In you I find peace. Amen. **DEUTERONOMY 10:12-22** 

### WHAT GOD WANTS

There is always a reason when a creator creates something. For instance, the light bulb was created to help people see clearly by giving some light when it is dark. That is how the light bulb serves its creator and all people.

God also created us for a reason. He wants you and me to love and serve Him and others too. How are you going to do it?

Firstly, love and serve God with all your heart and all your soul. You love God because He loves you first. Loving God comes before you can follow His command. When you love someone, you will give him or her a special place in your heart.

Second, obey His commands and live according to God's way. His commands are given to us to keep us safe and happy. We can understand His commands by reading the Bible and listening to His word.

Third, love others and help them when they need help. God also wants us to love and help each other.

### Key verse:

2 Corinthians 8:21 We want to do what the Lord accepts as right and also what people think is right.

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### Prayer

Dear God, thank You for creating me and loving me. I want to do what You want me to do. In Jesus name I pray. Amen. **DEUTERONOMY 13:1-9** 

### **BE CAUTIOUS!**

God told the Israelites not to fall for false prophets. They had to be cautious not to worship the wrong gods. God warned them to be careful not to let false dreamers deceive them. They had to serve and believe in the only God who is the true God, who brought them to the promised land.

Do not judge a book by its cover. Do not expect a false prophet to appear as scary as Thanos or Voldemort. Sometimes they look sweet and innocent as sheep yet they are ready to eat you like a hungry wolf. Remember the story of Little Red Riding Hood? The big wolf disguised himself in grandmother's clothes.

A false prophet is someone who claims to teach God's Word, but in fact, he teaches something wrong or less than the whole truth. Sometimes in the media, you might see people claiming that they are God or the Messiah or the messenger of God, and many followers just blindly believe them. Be cautious and do not be deceived. Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Stand firm on God's word through reading the Bible. The Bible will give you wisdom on what to believe and what to reject.

### Key verse:

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

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#### Prayer

Dear God, help me to study Your word and to keep it in my heart so that I will not be deceived by those who try to lead me astray. Amen.



# WHO IS A TRUE PROPHET?

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f you read through the book of Deuteronomy 18, you will find the word 'prophet' mentioned several times. A prophet is someone who speaks on behalf of God to reveal the will of God. In short, a prophet is a messenger between God and His people. God sent prophets throughout the history to guide and warn His people. A prophet speaks what is right, not what is popular.

Who do you think a true prophet is? Not Dumbledore. Not Dr. Strange. Not Ironman either.

A true prophet is just an ordinary person having an extraordinary task from the true God.

Jesus says that a true prophet bears good fruits. Good fruit refers to their actions of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. A true prophet will always point to Jesus Christ. Most importantly, a true prophet will always guide the people according to the Bible because every true prophet knows that the Bible is the truth from God.

### Key verse:

Matthew 7:16 You will recognize them by their fruits

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### Prayer

Dear God, may Your Holy Spirit give me wisdom to understand Your truth and to recognize Your voice and Your will in our lives. Amen.

### **DEUTERONOMY 20:1-4**

### **BREAK FREE!**

G od told the Israelites not to panic or be scared when going to war against their enemies because God Himself would go to the battle with them so that they would win over the enemies.

There are times when we also have to face a battle. This battle happens in our mind. We are about to do something big, like taking an exam or doing a performance or giving a speech in front of so many people. We feel nervous and scared. And there is a battle in our mind. The bad, discouraging thought says that we will not be able to make it, but the Godly thought says that we will succeed with God's help.

How do you break free from this battle in your mind?

You only need a courageous faith. The faith that declares that God is with you right here and right now. Then you will break free from this battle. God always fights for us. Just believe that! And if God is with you, you will be able to handle everything.

#### Key verse:

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Deuteronomy 20:4 The Lord your God goes with you. He will fight for you against your enemies. And He will save you.

### Prayer

Dear God, I am not afraid anymore to \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name something big that you need to do) because I know You are with me and You will fight for me. Amen.