

C.A.R.E. Study Material

Book of Deuteronomy

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

(Acts 5:42 (KJV)



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Notes

1. **Deuteronomy 1:1-46**

Forty years after the Hebrews left Egypt, they stood at the edge of the Promised Land to regroup with their leader. Moses reminded them of the times when they had remembered to walk with God and the times they had not. He reminded them of the tragic consequences of not walking with God—forty long years of wandering in the wilderness.

OPEN

- 1. What pictures do you hold in your wallet?
- 2. If you wanted people to remember you by one thing, what would it be?

EXPLORE

- 3. When did Moses remind the Israelites about what God had commanded them? (1:1-5)
- 4. What did the Lord say to the Israelites at Horeb? (1:6-8)
- 5. What problem did Moses present to the Lord? (1:9-15)
- 6. How did the Israelites grumble against the Lord? (1:26-28)

GET IT

- 7. What moves God to be faithful to us even when we are not faithful to him?
- 8. How do we so quickly forget to follow God when he always remembers us?
- 9. How can your memory of God serve you to be obedient to him?

APPLY

10. How can you remember to walk with God this week in everything you do?

2. **Deuteronomy 2:1-37**

Israel was about to enter new territory. God gave them specific instructions about how to proceed and respond as they traveled through this strange land. As long as they followed the Lord's directions, their journey went well and the victory was theirs.

OPEN

1. What does it feel like when you are lost and there is no one to give you directions?

EXPLORE

- 2. What new direction did the Israelites take? (2:1)
- 3. What did the Lord say about passing through the new territory? (2:2-6)
- 4. What did the Israelites lack during their forty-year journey? (2:7)
- 5. What directions did God give Israel about passing through Heshbon? (2:24-29)
- 6. How did the Lord direct the Israelites into battle? (2:31-33)

GET IT

- 7. What moves God to be faithful to us even when we are not faithful to him?
- 8. What makes it difficult to take directions from others?
- 9. How does God give us direction in our lives?

APPLY

10. What is a concrete way you can follow the Lord's direction in your life today?

3. **Deuteronomy 3:1-29**

The Israelites fought Og of Bashan, and God gave them the victory. The Lord told Moses not to be afraid, and Moses faced his battles with confidence. When Moses fought the battles God told him to, when God told him to, the way God told him to, Israel experienced victory after victory.

OPEN

1. What do you think of when you see war-torn countries on television?

EXPLORE

- 2. Who met the Israelites to do battle against them? (3:1)
- 3. What did the Lord say to Moses about fighting the king of Bashan? (3:2)
- 4. What happened in the battle against Og? (3:3-7)
- 5. What land did the Israelites take over after the battle? (3:8-11)
- 6. What did the Lord command the men of Israel to do? (3:18)

GET IT

- 7. How was it important for the Israelites to follow God's specific battle instructions?
- 8. What types of victories do we receive when we persevere through personal battles?
- 9. What types of fears do we face in personal battles?

APPLY

10. How can you deal with your personal battles in a positive way?

4. Deuteronomy 4:1-43

Moses gave the people the word of God, the direction of God, and the laws of God. He led them by sharing with them what God had said. He encouraged them by telling them who God was. He honored and obeyed God. In the process, he showed the people of Israel how to honor God with their lives.

OPEN

1. How do you benefit when other people obey the laws of our country?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did Moses say to Israel about God's laws? (4:1-2)
- 3. What happened at Baal Peor? (4:3-4)
- 4. What would other nations say about Israel if Israel followed God's laws? (4:5-8)
- 5. How was Israel to be careful in following God's laws? (4:9)
- 6. What happened when Israel stood before the Lord at Horeb? (4:10-14)

GET IT

- 7. What blessings come with keeping God's laws?
- 8. What are the consequences for those who reject God's commands?
- 9. How are God's laws and living a meaningful life related?

APPLY

10. What is a specific Bible verse that you would like to use to encourage others to honor God?

5. Deuteronomy 4:44 – 5:33

Moses reminded the people that God had faced them at Mount Sinai and had given them guidelines for their lives. He had demanded to be the one and only God of his people. How they treated each other and outsiders was one of the first tests of whether they had taken his commands to heart.

OPEN

1. What few Bible movies have been made by Hollywood?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did Moses set before the Israelites? (4:44-45)
- 3. Where did Moses defeat Sihon? (4:46)
- 4. What land did the Israelites take possession of? (4:47-49)
- 5. What did Moses say about the law to the Israelites? (5:1-4)
- 6. What other laws did the Lord give the Israelites? (5:11-15)

GET IT

- 7. What is important about the Ten Commandments?
- 8. How might our country be different if people followed God's laws?
- 9. What makes people responsive to some of God's laws but not all of them?

APPLY

10. What is a creative way you can take God's law to heart this week?

6. Deuteronomy 6:1-25

It was the responsibility of Hebrew parents to teach their children the history of God's provision for them. Teaching their children about God was to be a way of life—when they sat at home and when they walked on the roads. They were to pass along the stories of God and his miraculous deeds to their children and grandchildren. These were reminders that God would certainly provide for them.

OPEN

- 1. What is the most important thing you have learned from your parents?
- 2. What do you enjoy most about children?

EXPLORE

- 3. What did God direct Moses to teach to the Israelites? (6:1)
- 4. What was a very important reason for the Israelites to know God's laws? (6:2)
- 5. How are parents to teach their children God's Word? (6:7)
- 6. How are the Israelites told to respond when their children ask about God's law? (6:20-23)

GET IT

- 7. How do children view God differently from adults?
- 8. What makes it possible for children to learn about God from their parents?
- 9. What can children teach older people about honoring God?

APPLY

10. What is practical way you can teach your children about God?

7. **Deuteronomy 7:1-26**

There was an inherent danger for the Israelites in conquering the Promised Land. The Israelites might be tempted to adopt the gods of those cities and people they were subduing. God consistently reminded the Hebrews that their greatest danger was in forsaking him for the false gods around them.

OPEN

1. What "gods" are worshiped in our culture today?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did God command the Israelites to do when he drove out the nations? (7:1-2)
- 3. For what reason are the Israelites told not to intermarry? (7:3-4)
- 4. What are the people told to do with the altars of idols? (7:5)
- 5. How would other gods hurt Israel's relationship with God? (7:16)
- 6. What was Israel told to do with the pagan gods? (7:25-26)

GET IT

- 7. What is the danger of Christians' following idols?
- 8. In what ways do people sometimes make idols out of other people?
- 9. How do impersonal idols ruin a personal relationship with God?

APPLY

10. What is an idol you need to forsake in order to follow God faithfully?

8. Deuteronomy 8:1 – 9:6

"Remember the Lord," Moses told the people. God had brought them so far from their menial jobs in Egypt to the border of the Promised Land. Moses warned them to remember God when they experienced the prosperity that God would inevitably provide. Forgetting to thank and praise their God and Savior could lead to their tragic downfall.

OPEN

1. What is one thing you tend to be forgetful about?

EXPLORE

- 2. How were God's people told to remember the commands of God? (8:1-2)
- 3. Why did God want Israel to remember his commands? (8:6-9)
- 4. How was Israel told not to forget God? (8:10-14)
- 5. What was Israel commanded to remember about God? (8:17-20)

GET IT

- 6. What does it mean to you when you have to keep reminding people to do things?
- 7. What does this section of Scripture teach you about remembering God?
- 8. How can we remember that God is the ultimate provider of everything we have?
- 9. How are we inclined to take credit for the things God does for us?

APPLY

10. What is a practical way you can remember God in all you do this week?

9. Deuteronomy 9:7-29

Moses reminded the Hebrews of how often they had angered God and tested his patience. The Hebrews had been rebellious, obstinate, and stubborn in their disobedience. It was only because of God's mercy that they survived his wrath.

<u>OPEN</u>

1. If you could destroy one evil in this world, what would it be?

EXPLORE

- 2. What does Moses say about Israel's rebellion against God? (9:7)
- 3. Where did Israel arouse the Lord's wrath? (9:8)
- 4. How did the Lord describe the stubbornness of the people of Israel? (9:13)
- 5. What did God want Moses to do? (9:14)
- 6. How did Moses plead for Israel's rebellious ways? (9:24-29)

GET IT

- 7. What do you consider to be the root of rebellion?
- 8. What does this passage teach us about the patience of God?
- 9. In what ways are we stubborn against God?

APPLY

10. What is an area of rebellion in your life that you need to confess to God today?

10. Deuteronomy 10:1-22

The Hebrews often did not listen to God. The Lord God told them and told them, but each time he had to tell them again. Through the second set of stone tablets, God gave the Israelites another opportunity to listen and obey.

OPEN

1. What bothers you most when someone is not listening to you?

EXPLORE

- 2. Who listened to Moses when he was on the mountain? (10:10)
- 3. What did God tell Moses to do? (10:11)
- 4. How did the Lord ask Israel to listen to him? (10:12-13)
- 5. What belongs to the Lord? (10:14)
- 6. What are the reasons Israel is told to listen to God? (10:20-22)

GET IT

- 7. What difficulties do we face when we do not listen to God?
- 8. How can listening to God and hearing God be two separate things?
- 9. In what way are the Ten Commandments a good place to begin listening to the Lord?

APPLY

10. When is a time you can listen to the voice of God through his Word this week?

11. Deuteronomy 11:1-32

God reminded the Hebrews of the responsibility of remembering. As they prepared to settle into their new lives, he encouraged them to store his words in their hearts and minds and then to teach them to future generations. Remembering God and the mercy he had shown Israel in the past was important because it would encourage future generations to remain loyal to God.

OPEN

1. What rules in your home were you expected to obey as a child?

EXPLORE

- 2. Whom were the people of Israel told to love? (11:1)
- 3. What was Israel commanded to remember? (11:2-4)
- 4. What did the Lord do to Dathan and Abiram? (11:5-7)
- 5. What were the people of Israel told to observe? (11:8-9)
- 6. What would happen if Israel obeyed the commands of the Lord? (11:13-15)

GET IT

- 7. What does God promise when we obey his commands?
- 8. What do you think God considers to be his most important law?
- 9. What happens when we fix God's law upon our heart and mind?

APPLY

10. What is one practical way you can memorize or remind yourself of God's Word this week?

12. Deuteronomy 12:1-32

Moses shared with the Israelites what kind of worship pleased God. He told them not to worship as individuals, but to worship together as a corporate body. He exhorted the Israelites to follow God's directions for worship, without adding to them or taking away from them.

OPEN

1. Why is it important to read the owner's manual when you buy a new car?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did God command Israel to do to all the altars of worship? (12:1-3)
- 3. What was Israel told about worshiping the Lord? (12:4)
- 4. What directions was Israel given regarding worshiping the Lord? (12:5-6)
- 5. What specific directions did God give Israel about where to worship the Lord? (12:10-14)
- 6. What clear direction were the people given concerning eating meat? (12:20-25)

GET IT

- 7. What does this passage teach about the importance of worship?
- 8. How is life more significant when we follow directions?
- 9. What was Israel's track record for following God's directions for worship?

APPLY

10. What can you do today to follow God's direction for worship in your life?

13. Deuteronomy 13:1-18

God demanded the truth. He did not take false prophets lightly or the punishment they deserved. He demanded that his people worship him in sincerity as the one true God, no matter what enticements were offered by the false prophets around them.

<u>OPEN</u>

1. How do you know when someone is telling the truth or lying?

EXPLORE

- 2. How was Israel commanded not to listen to false prophets? (13:1-3)
- 3. To whom was Israel told to hold fast? (13:4)
- 4. What was supposed to happen to false prophets? (13:5)
- 5. What was the punishment for a family member who turned people away from God?

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14. Deuteronomy 14:1-29

God gave specific commands. He covered every detail when it came to describing the best way for the Israelites to eat and live. He wanted them to be pure people of God. He expected his people to obey him all the time in the precise ways he commanded. True love for him as their God would manifest itself in obedience.

OPEN

1. What is your favorite animal?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did the Lord choose his people to be? (14:2)
- 3. What animals did the Lord say the Israelites were able to eat? (14:3-5)
- 4. What kinds of restrictions did the Lord put on eating animals with hooves? (14:6-7)
- 5. What specific animal were the Israelites not allowed to eat? (14:8)
- 6. What types of fish were the Israelites allowed to eat? (14:9-10)

GET IT

- 7. How were Israel's food restrictions a way for them to honor God?
- 8. How do the laws of God differ from the laws of the jungle?
- 9. What possible reasons exist for God's determining clean and unclean animals?

APPLY

10. How can you honor God this week by obeying his specific commands?

15. Deuteronomy 15:1-23

God outlined a practical plan for the nation of Israel to show mercy, compassion, generosity, and forgiveness. He told his people to give freely and to care for the poor. He told his people to be kind to their slaves because the Israelites themselves were once poor slaves, who had experienced God's great kindness.

OPEN

1. What is it like to lend someone money and not get paid back?

EXPLORE

- 2. What were the Israelites told to do at the end of every seven years? (15:1)
- 3. How were canceled debts supposed to be handled? (15:2)
- 4. What attitude did God want the Israelites to have toward people in need? (15:7-8)
- 5. What would happen if Israel gave generously? (15:10)
- 6. How did God command the people of Israel to treat the poor? (15:11)

GET IT

- 7. How does this passage teach us about God's concern for the poor?
- 8. What makes lending money a difficult thing to do?
- 9. How are relationships to be handled when one person does not repay another?

APPLY

10. What is a practical step you can take to give or to help someone in need?

16. Deuteronomy 16:1-20

Feasts were for celebrating God's presence and power, his accomplishments and miracles. God reminded the Hebrews to celebrate his gifts just as faithfully as they worshiped and obeyed him. God wanted his people to set aside time to express their joy and gratitude over his abundant provision for them.

OPEN

1. What celebrations does your family celebrate every year?

EXPLORE

- 2. What was Israel told to celebrate? (16:1)
- 3. Where were the people of Israel allowed to celebrate the Passover? (16:5-6)
- 4. When were the Israelites told to celebrate the Feast of Weeks? (16:9-11)
- 5. When were the Israelites to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles? (16:13-14)

GET IT

- 6. What is the purpose of celebrating the Lord?
- 7. What are different ways people choose to celebrate the Lord?
- 8. What is unattractive about people who are not joyful?
- 9. How does a heart of celebration change our perspective when circumstances are not going well?

APPLY

10. What step can you take to celebrate the Lord today?

17. Deuteronomy 16:21 – 17:20

God was intent on the Israelites treating each other with fairness and justice. He set up a network of judges and priests to insure justice was executed in every case. He required respect for the decisions these appointees made. How his people treated each other was an important matter to God.

OPEN

1. What is the most outrageous legal case you have ever heard about?

EXPLORE

- 2. What kind of sacrifice is detestable to the Lord? (17:1)
- 3. What was to be done if someone was suspected of worshiping other gods? (17:2-4)
- 4. How was the punishment for idol worship to be handled? (17:5)
- 5. What were the Israelites supposed to do with cases that were too difficult to handle? (17:8)
- 6. How were the Israelites required to act according to the judges' decisions? (17:10-11)

GET IT

- 7. What does this passage teach us about God's concern for justice?
- 8. What implications do these verses have for our attitude toward justice and fairness?
- 9. What does this passage teach us about giving others a fair trial?

APPLY

10. How can you treat others with justice at home? at work?

18. Deuteronomy 18:1-22

God wanted his people to stay away from the occult and other deceptive religious practices. He despised these practices because they robbed him of his glory. Only he could control the future or give the Israelites advice on how they should live. Consulting the dead or practicing divination would distract the Israelites from the source for wisdom and truth—God himself.

OPEN

- 1. What kinds of occult practices seem most bizarre to you?
- 2. What do you think draws people to the occult?

EXPLORE

- 3. What was Israel told not to imitate when they entered the new land? (18:9)
- 4. Who was not allowed to participate in occult practices? (18:10-11)
- 5. What does God consider witchcraft to be? (18:12)

GET IT

- 6. What kinds of occult practices exist in our society today?
- 7. For whom does a fortune-teller speak?
- 8. How are people naive about consulting horoscopes, fortune-tellers, and other "innocent" occult practices?
- 9. What can Christians do to expose the falsehood of occult practices?

APPLY

10. Who is someone involved in the occult for whom you can pray this week?

19. Deuteronomy 19:1 – 20:30

The Israelites faced opposition of all kinds—from outside the camp and from within. God gave them the strength to deal with their opposition from neighboring peoples and the wisdom to deal with each other. It was their complete obedience that gained them access to his strength and wisdom.

OPEN

1. If your city were attacked by another country, to where would you flee?

EXPLORE

- 2. How was a man who hated his neighbor to be punished? (19:11-13)
- 3. How were malicious witnesses dealt with? (19:15-21)
- 4. When Israel went to battle, what were they commanded to do? (20:1)
- 5. What was the priest to say to the Israelite army? (20:2-4)
- 6. How was Israel supposed to conquer the cities that the Lord gave to them? (20:16-18)

GET IT

- 7. How do you feel knowing that God wants to go before you in your struggles?
- 8. What fears are you confronted with when you have personal battles?
- 9. How can fear cripple our trust in God?

APPLY

10. What opposition are you facing this week that you need God's strength to handle?

20. Deuteronomy 21:1 - 22:30

God gave the Israelites specific laws protecting family relationships. He reminded them over and over again to guard their families from wickedness, jealousies, and disputes. Each family member was expected to exert a positive influence on the family—and by extension, the community. The entire community was to be pure before God. Every family was responsible for maintaining that purity.

OPEN

1. What types of events cause families to break up?

EXPLORE

- 2. How were the men of Israel to treat women they captured from defeated enemies? (21:10-14)
- 3. How were the rights of the firstborn to be handled? (21:15-17)
- 4. What was a man told to do if he had a stubborn and rebellious son? (21:18-19)
- 5. What various regulations did God give Israel? (22:8-12)

GET IT

- 6. How do God's laws reveal his desire to protect families?
- 7. How can sexual immorality destroy families?
- 8. What are different ways people handle rebellious children today?
- 9. How does the Word of God provide healthy boundaries for people to live by?

APPLY

10. What can you do today to be a positive influence in your family?

21. Deuteronomy 23:1 - 25:19

God wanted the Israelites to treat each other well while punishing evil swiftly and decisively. He gave them rules and guidelines for loving each other. He defined family not just as immediate family members, but as the extended family of the people of Israel.

OPEN

1. What rules did you have growing up in your family?

EXPLORE

- 2. To whom were the Israelites told not to charge interest? (23:19-20)
- 3. How much food were Israelites allowed to take from their neighbor's fields? (23:24-25)
- 4. How was divorce to be handled? (24:1-4)
- 5. How were disputes in Israel dealt with? (25:1-3)

GET IT

- 6. What responsibilities do family members have for one another?
- 7. What is good or bad about lending money to family members?
- 8. What principles do you see here for living with family members?
- 9. What does a good family look like?

APPLY

10. What is a specific way you can show love to a family member this week?

22. Deuteronomy 26:1-19

The Hebrews were to work the land that they were given. They were to feed their families with the profits from their work. Some of their first harvest, though, belonged to the Lord. They gave the first and best of their resources to God in order to acknowledge that he was their Provider. He had provided them with all kinds of good gifts. For this reason, he deserved their praise.

OPEN

1. In what circumstances do you like to give someone a gift?

EXPLORE

- 2. What was Israel commanded to give when they entered the land? (26:1-2)
- 3. What were the people of Israel to say to the priest? (26:3)
- 4. What did the Israelites declare to the Lord? (26:5-10)
- 5. To whom was the tithe of the Israelites given? (26:12)
- 6. What did the Israelites say to the Lord about their tithe? (26:13-15)

GET IT

- 7. What blessings does God pour out when we honor him with our giving?
- 8. What is the purpose of tithing to the Lord?
- 9. How is God pleased when we bless others with what he has given us?

APPLY

10. How can you specifically offer your resources to the Lord this week?

23. Deuteronomy 27:1 -28:68

God was extremely clear with the people of Israel. They had one decision to make: to obey him or not to obey him. God outlined for them the consequences of each decision and pleaded with them to obey him so that they might enjoy his blessings. Although he was a compassionate God, his punishment would be swift and sure.

OPEN

1. What do you find true about the statement "You reap what you sow"?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did Moses and the elders of Israel command the people? (27:1-4)
- 3. What curse did the Levites pronounce against idol worshipers? (27:15)
- 4. What blessings would Israel receive for following God's commands? (28:1-13)
- 5. What directions were the people of Israel given about where to turn? (28:14)
- 6. What curses would follow Israel for not following the commands of the Lord? (28:15-24)

GET IT

- 7. How does God want to bless us for following his ways?
- 8. How do the decisions we make today affect the rest of our lives?
- 9. How do small decisions for God have an impact on big decisions for God?

APPLY

10. What is a specific decision you need to make to honor God?

24. Deuteronomy 29:1 - 30:20

God made an agreement with the Hebrews in Moab much like the agreement made at Mount Sinai. God told them the way they should live. First of all, they should not put any other god before him—the one, true God. He reminded them of their past failures and outlined concrete ways they could determine to follow him.

OPEN

1. What is the one thing you love about life?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did God command Moses to make with the Israelites? (29:1)
- 3. What did Moses tell the Israelites about their forty years with the Lord? (29:2-6)
- 4. What did Moses say about the Israelites' covenant with the Lord? (29:9-15)
- 5. How did Moses remind the people not to worship other gods? (29:16-18)
- 6. What would the people of Israel encounter because of their ancestors' sin? (29:22-24)

GET IT

- 7. How does this passage call us to live humble lives before God?
- 8. What is the difference between a contract and a covenant?
- 9. What kind of covenant or agreement does God ask us to live by today?

APPLY

10. What is one concrete way you can choose to follow God this week?

25. Deuteronomy 31:1-29

Moses knew who his replacement would be. He had spent years training Joshua in the necessary leadership qualities. Moses passed on his authority to Joshua with a promise of God's presence. In addition, God himself exhorted Joshua to be brave and strong for he would be with Joshua.

OPEN

1. If you were to pick someone to replace you at work, whom would you choose? Why?

EXPLORE

- 2. Who did Moses say was going to go across the Jordan before Israel? (31:3-4)
- 3. What did Moses say to Joshua about his new leadership role? (31:7)
- 4. What did Moses promise Joshua? (31:8)
- 5. What did Moses command the Israelites to do at the end of every seven years? (31:10-13)
- 6. What did the Lord tell Joshua? (31:23)

GET IT

- 7. What makes it difficult to be in a leadership position?
- 8. What emotions do you think Joshua was experiencing with his new position?
- 9. What critical character qualities does an experienced leader need to pass on to a younger one?

APPLY

10. What leadership quality can you work on as a servant-leader for Christ this week?

26. Deuteronomy 31:30 - 32:52

Moses gave a song to the Israelites to encourage them to follow God and to remind them of God's goodness. It was time for Israel to go on without Moses. This song was Moses' last attempt to encourage them to follow God wholeheartedly.

OPEN

1. What is your favorite song?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did Moses recite to the Israelites? (31:30)
- 3. What did Moses say about God? (32:1-4)
- 4. What did Moses tell the Israelites to remember about God? (32:7-8)
- 5. Who came along with Moses to speak the song to Israel? (32:44)
- 6. What did Moses say God's words were to Israel? (32:45-47)

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- 7. How can singing bring us closer to God?
- 8. What different types of worship music transform our lives?
- 9. How are songs used today to help us remember the character of God?

APPLY

10. Who is someone you can encourage? How?

27. Deuteronomy 33:1 – 34:12

It was time for Moses to say good-bye. He offered the Hebrews the blessing of God's presence and love, a blessing that he knew would last past his own leadership or any others to come.

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1. What do you like or dislike about saying good-bye to people you love?

EXPLORE

- 2. What did Moses pronounce to Israel before his death? (33:1)
- 3. What did Moses say about God? (33:2-3)
- 4. In what way did Moses bless Israel? (33:29)
- 5. Where did Moses die? (34:5-6)
- 6. How old was Moses when he died? (34:7)

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- 7. What keeps people from telling others how they really feel about them?
- 8. How can Christians give God's blessings to one another?
- 9. What might the people of Israel been feeling at the death of Moses?

APPLY

10. Who is someone you can bless with God's love this week?

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