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Deuteronomy 10:12-16 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? ¹⁴ To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

Big Idea: We all need to make an honest evaluation of where we are now in our faith to determine how best to move forward.

ARE YOU TOO COMFORTABLE WITH GOD?

- Their commitment to God wavered because they had grown

_____.

Deuteronomy 9:23 And when the Lord sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. You did not trust him or obey him.

- He continually circles back on where we need most to _____.

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

IS HE YOUR ONE AND ONLY OR YOUR ONE OF MANY? (v 14-15)

- Is God the _____ object of your love and devotion?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

- It's measured by more than what we do; it's a heart _____.

Revelation 2:2-4 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

ARE YOU A WILLING FOLLOWER? (v 16)

- First, are you His _____?

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- Are you a _____ follower?

Luke 9:23 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.