

## SERMON OUTLINE

# PASS THE FAITH: WHOLE-LIFE LOVE FOR THE ONE TRUE GOD

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 | REV. DON GUICO

God calls His people to whole-life devotion – to love Him with our entire being and pass that faith on to the next generation. Deuteronomy 6:4–9, known as the Shema, is a foundational passage that expresses this total commitment. It is not simply a call to religious duty, but an invitation to joyful, wholehearted relationship with the one true God. In this passage, we learn what it means to know, love, keep, and teach the Lord’s commands – not as burdens, but as life-giving truths.

Our journey of whole-life love begins with truly knowing who God is. The Shema declares that the Lord alone is God—there is no other (v. 4). This foundational truth calls us into intimacy with Him and guards us against divided allegiances. When we know God deeply, our hearts are anchored. This knowledge gives clarity in confusion, focus in

distraction, and stability in the midst of life’s challenges.

From this foundation flows the command to love God fully – with all our heart, soul, and strength (v. 5). This love is not meant to be half-hearted or occasional, but complete and consistent. True love for God naturally leads to obedience. It shapes the way we live, guides our priorities, and influences every decision we make. Loving God is not a moment, it is a way of life.

But this love must be rooted in something solid – God’s Word. His commands are not just rules to follow, but truths to be treasured in our hearts (v. 6). When we internalize His Word, when it lives in our hearts, it becomes our guide, our filter, and our strength. It shapes our thoughts, renews our minds, and equips us to live faithfully in every circumstance.

And this life of devotion is not meant to stop with us. We are called to teach and live out God’s Word, especially within our homes (vv. 7-9). Faith must be passed on intentionally, woven into the rhythms of everyday life. Our conversations, habits, and family culture should reflect the truth we believe. In doing so, we create spaces where God’s Word takes root and grows in the next generation.

Because the Lord is our one true God, our response must be a life marked by complete devotion – knowing Him intimately, loving Him fully, treasuring His Word deeply, and passing it on faithfully. May we commit to making our faith visible, vibrant and alive, beginning with our own families and extending into every part of life. ✨

## PASS THE FAITH: BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR GOD’S GLORY

A 6-WEEK DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR FAMILIES | REV. DON GUICO

## PARSON TO PERSON

In a world full of distractions, uncertainty, and rapid change, one thing remains unshakable: God’s design for the family as a place of spiritual formation. Church programs, Sunday schools, and youth groups are valuable, but God’s Word is clear – discipleship begins at home.

That’s why we’re inviting every family in our church to walk through a new 6-week devotional journey called “Pass the Faith: Building Strong Families for God’s Glory.” This guide is designed to help families grow together in love, obedience, and purpose, developing stronger relationships, raising godly leaders, and becoming a light to the world around them.

**What Is This Devotional For?**  
The goal of this devotional is simple but powerful: to strengthen your family by anchoring it in God’s truth. It is not just a set of Bible readings or discussion questions. It’s a tool to:

- Help parents step confidently into their role as the primary spiritual leaders of their children.
- Encourage honest conversations about faith, family, and life.
- Develop spiritual habits like prayer, Scripture reading, and service within the home.
- Connect generations (parents, children, grandparents) in a shared journey of faith.
- Empower families to live missionally by being a witness in their homes, church, and community.

**Why Should You Use It?**  
We often assume that spiritual growth is something that happens at church. But Scripture tells a different story. Deuteronomy 6 shows us that God’s design has always been for faith to be passed down through everyday life: as we sit, walk, lie down, and rise.

If we want our children to grow up loving and following Jesus, we must be intentional. That means setting aside time as a family to talk about God’s Word, to pray, and to model what it looks like to trust and obey Him in real life. This devotional helps you do exactly that – in practical, meaningful, and manageable ways.

- How Should You Use It?**
- Each week focuses on a different biblical truth about family discipleship, offering a simple format:
  - Scripture Reading – A short passage that anchors the week’s theme.
  - Key Truth – A clear takeaway you can reflect on and apply.
  - Discussion Questions – Open-ended prompts to spark conversation, suitable for all ages.
  - Review Questions – Help your family track growth and faith steps over time.
  - Challenges or Activities – Action steps to put your faith into practice.

You don’t need to be a Bible expert, and you don’t need hours of free time. Just 15–20 minutes once or twice a week, around the

dinner table, before bed, or during a weekend moment can make a lifelong impact.

- What Will You Cover?**
- Week 1: The Family Is God’s First Place of Discipleship – Parents are the primary disciplers.
  - Week 2: Strong Families Are Built on Love and Obedience – Love and respect grow faith.
  - Week 3: A Loving Home Is a Witness to the World – Your home can reflect the Gospel.
  - Week 4: Training the Next Generation of Leaders – Equip your children to lead with faith.
  - Week 5: Building Habits That Last – Develop lifelong spiritual rhythms together.
  - Week 6: Faith Across Generations – Celebrate the power of intergenerational discipleship.

Whether your family is young or grown, whether you’re a grandparent, parent, or teen, God wants to use your home as a place of spiritual growth. You don’t have to have all the answers. You just need a willing heart and a desire to grow together.

So pick up the guide, gather your family, and start small. Let God take those simple steps of faith and turn them into a legacy that lasts for generations.

Let’s build strong families not just for our own sake, but for God’s glory. ✨

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