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# ***TOGETHER: REMEMBERING***

## ***EXPERIENCES THAT INFORM OUR FUTURE***

Like the Israelites in the desert heading toward the Promised Land, we are a faith community heading into a promised future. In this series, **Together: Remembering Experiences that Inform Our Future** we will learn from the Israelites' story, found in the Book of Deuteronomy, about what they were called to remember in order to follow God well. This week, we focus on remembering that you have a choice when it comes to following the Lord.

### **#1**

**Review:** In our journey with the Israelites in Deuteronomy, what are you remembering from the book that is impacting your life?

### **#2**

Ponder a time in your life when you were offered something that would benefit you and/or harm you? Which did you choose and why? What was the outcome? What joy or regret did you experience?

### **#3**

Read and reflect on **Deuteronomy 30:11-20**. Where do you see the Shema? What is Moses yearning to see happen for the Israelites? What are the options/consequences? What verse or word is the Spirit wanting you to hold onto?

## #4

In his Sunday message, Scott Kirksey declared:

*There are two ways you can live. Free will gives us the potential for distance from God and it also gives us the potential for residence (or intimacy) with God. If you choose to live or not to live in union with God, then you're also choosing to live in blessing or curse, depending on your choice.*

What are your thoughts on free will? How have you seen this play out in your life and in the lives of others? Or in the child/parent relationship?

## #5

Other passages speak to this same concept of choices resulting in death. Review [Deuteronomy 29:19](#), [Isaiah 30:1](#), and [Matthew 7:13-14](#). Why do you think this is an endless reminder in the Bible? How do you see returning to the Lord and repenting resulting in life in [Deuteronomy 30:2-3](#), [Isaiah 1:18-20](#), and [1 John 1:9](#)?

## #6

What is God saying to you about your choices? What needs to change? How would you like to thank God for His grace?

## NEXT STEPS

Recite [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)—The Shema—day and night, replacing "Israel" with your name or family's name. Watch [this short video](#) about The Shema.

Follow the [Weekly Listening/Reading Plan for Deuteronomy](#) (Chapters 31-34, by 11/14)

Engage in PCC's [Wednesday Noon Zoom Prayer](#) for 30 minutes.

Participate at [Prayer Around the Fire](#) on November 19, in person at PCC.

Place a memory of God on the "Wall of Remembrance" in the back of the Worship Center.