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Words to Live By
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Series: Possessing the Promises of God - Learning from the Past,
Leaning into the Future

Central Passage

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (ESV) — **4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (See also Deut. 5:6-21, The Ten Commandments).

Central Thought: The word of God – the Law – was meant to lead us to *the* Word of God – Jesus – as the center and source of our lives, and as the path to eternal life.

Galatians 3:23–26 (ESV) — **23** Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. **24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25** But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, **26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

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Key Words for Life

- ❖ Hear and fear – Recognizing God as the ultimate authority in the universe.

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV) — **7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...

- To whom are we listening?

- ❖ Love – Responding in loving obedience to God's love for us.

John 3:16–17 (ESV) — **16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 14:23–24 (ESV) — **23** Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **24** Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

- What is our picture of God – Father or Tyrant?

- ❖ Teach – Reaching the next generation.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) — **6** Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

- What are we teaching our children – by instruction and example?

John 10:10 (ESV) — **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (See also Matthew 7:24-27)