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A Place Called "FORWARD"

The Power of TODAY

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Forward defined:

- To cause to proceed or progress toward a goal. To cause to go or be taken from one place, person, or condition to another.
- Forward is a place to which God leads people of purpose and destiny.
- Forward is the place and the direction the vision takes you.
- Forward is the only direction God is moving.

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Exodus 14:13

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Hebrews 3:1

*Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider** the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.*

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*5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, **whose house we are if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "**Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, '**They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.**'"*

- The most significant difference between you, your lived experience, and a crisis is what you think about it.
- You are always loved by God
- Experiences can cause you to question God's love

- People living a long time in a condition begin to fear change and progress
- Rebellion led Israel into captivity in Egypt for 400 years.
- Bondage and slavery was all they knew
- You cannot underestimate a person's lived experience.
- It's difficult to tell a person, "You don't belong here."
- It takes dramatic action and change to change a mindset.

While studying the origin and purpose of the book of Deuteronomy, which is the last of Moses' five books (the Pentateuch), I learned something very interesting...

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Deuteronomy, the final book in the Pentateuch, contains Moses' last three sermons and two prophetic poems about Israel's future. **Reflecting on the nation's past mistakes**, Moses urges the people **not to repeat those errors** when they enter the Promised Land.

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Deuteronomy is largely a set of sermons, preached by Moses to all of Israel shortly before his death, **urging Israel's faithful obedience** to the covenant laws given 40 years previously at Sinai (Exodus 19–40).

The sermon is especially important because of Israel's **earlier failure to conquer the land**. Now that they are back at the eastern border of the Promised Land. The sermon encourages obedience by constantly **reassuring them of God's faithfulness** and his power to keep his promises

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One of the keys words used in Deuteronomy is: **TODAY**

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What is sometimes missing in our instruction, or in the response of hearers, is **the urgency of now or TODAY** as it relates to doing God's will

TODAY is the only time that matters

יום

Hebrew Word for **"Today"**

Transliteration: *yôm*

Pronounced: *yome*

More mentions Deuteronomy
than any other book of the Bible (167)

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Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past **was written to teach us**, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide **we might have hope.**

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A riot ensued when Jesus said “TODAY**” regarding his words
Luke 4:20-22**

*20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”*

*28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, **were filled with wrath**, 29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might **throw Him down over the cliff.***

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Deuteronomy 4:40

*You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you **today**, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”*

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Deuteronomy 8:11

*“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you **today**,*

Deuteronomy 28:1

*"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you **today**, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.*

Hebrews 3:13

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called **"Today,"** lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*