

# family matters

## The Echo – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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### Make an Impression (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)

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### Practically Speaking...

From a Father

From a Grandmother

### Don't Let the Echo Fade (Deuteronomy 6:12)

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Judges 2:10

***Your life will echo into future generations,  
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## Family Matters: The Echo

Sermon on October 29, 2023

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### Getting to Know Me

1. List 3 things that bring joy into your life. List 3 timewasters you'd like to eliminate from your life.
2. If you're a Christian, how did you come to faith? Who were instrumental influences in your faith story?

### Digging Deeper

3. What new encouragement, challenge, or question did you take away from the message this past Sunday?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-3.
  - What is the goal stated in verses 1-2?
  - Who is responsible for working towards this goal?
  - What is the benefit of reaching toward this goal?
5. What do you think is your role in passing on faith in Jesus to upcoming generations? If you do not have children or grandchildren, what is your responsibility? How can you fulfill it?
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What rhythms and guidance do you draw from these verses?
7. When you consider the rhythms here (Meal time, Drive time, Bed time, and Morning time), which rhythms are easiest for you to maximize for spiritual impact? Which rhythms do you find most challenging?

8. What are some of the intentional rhythms you have in your family or you've seen in others and would like to repeat? Choose a rhythm or idea to add to your family habits.
9. Read Psalm 68:4-6. If you are feeling lonely, parentless, or without family, what are some first steps you can take toward forming relationships around you?
10. What might it look like to be a Matthew 22:37-40 home? How do you teach *love* to your children, grandchildren or other kids in your life? List three practical ideas and share with your group.

### Where Do I Go from Here?

11. Evaluate the quantity and quality of time you spend connecting with each of your children and/or grandchildren in a standard week. What encourages you about this and what would you like to do differently going forward?
12. Brainstorm with your group ways to make the most of your time with your children (Best, Worst, Weirdest points of your day; Make Christmas cookies together, Serve together, etc.).
13. Here's a big one: Write out your story. What do you want your children and grandchildren to know about you, your life, and your faith. Make a plan to share your story, so it echoes across generations.

**Prayer:** Lord, guide me as I seek to grow up future generations in your grace and truth!

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