

FLYING BLIND

“SWAPPING STORIES”

GOD STORIES > GOOD STORIES

Discussion -

- Who is someone you know who is a good storyteller? What makes them so good?
- Are there any “God stories” you can share? Can you think of a time when something happened in your life that was clearly orchestrated by God? Tell the story!

Encounter - Read God’s Word so that He can speak to you—**Deuteronomy 9:1-6**

Explore - God’s Word by asking questions of what you saw.

“God stories” are bigger than we realize!

1) What seems to be the emphasis in Deuteronomy 9:4-6? Why do you think God repeatedly makes this emphasis?

2) Have you ever been tempted to take more credit than you should from something God did? Why is it so dangerous to do this?

3)

Read verse 5 again carefully. What two reasons does God give for bringing Israel into the land? What might God want to do in your life to fulfill some of His promises to you?

4)

Consider the statements below that each respond to the question “How was your day?” --

- God is good! He enabled me to get moving on little sleep this morning, gave me opportunities to surrender to Him and to serve Him throughout the day, and provided for all of the needs of my family again tonight.

- Today was rough. I woke up exhausted from a poor night's sleep. Everything at work seemed hard and demanding. And I feel like I can barely take care of my home and family.

What difference might it make to talk about our days and lives in God-centered ways? What difference in me?
What difference in others?

5)

Read Deuteronomy 9:7. Why does God want His people to remember their failures? What danger might there be in forgetting the times when we have failed? (Consider also Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

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What do we learn about God's mercy from the fact that God will bring His people into the land despite their sin against Him?

- Read Romans 5:8. How is the work of Christ for us similar to the work God did to bring His people into the promised land?

- Read Titus 3:3-8. What further insight does this passage give you into God's mercy through Jesus?

“God stories” are linked to passionate prayer!

7) Read Deuteronomy 9:18-19 which reveals the burden Moses had for God’s people after they had sinned. What might it look like to share in this kind of a burden for ourselves, our families, our church, and/or our world today?

8) Who is someone you know who prays with great passion today for God to intervene and work? What can you learn from this person?

9) Read Deuteronomy 9:25-29 which details the words of the intercession of Moses. What do you observe about this prayer? What components in it do you see?

- Are any components of this prayer similar to the Lord’s prayer of Matthew 6:9-11?

10) Read Psalm 115:1. When it’s God’s story, it’s God’s glory. Spend some time giving God praise for one or two specific things He has done in your life recently.

GOING FURTHER

- Meditate on some Bible characters who knew what it was to give God glory and to tell His story – John the Baptist (John 3:22-30), the Samaritan Woman (John 4:39-42), the blind man (John 9:24-34)
 - Listen to the song “My Story” by Big Daddy Weave.