Beginning a New Chapter Together

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Five Aspects of a Covenant

1. Covenants are made in a <u>relational</u> context (Deut. 1-3)

Our English word "covenant" comes from a combination of two Latin words meaning "come together"

Biblically speaking, a covenant is "establishing a <u>bond</u> between two parties"

Deuteronomy 1:31

2. Covenants guard and fortify your <u>purpose</u> (Deut. 4:1-40)

Deuteronomy 4:39-40

Deuteronomy 4:6-8

As the nation of Israel would be a people of influence, so you're called today to be a person of influence in your <u>relational</u> world.

3. Covenants are fulfilled by <u>devotion</u> to one another, not merely rule-keeping (Deut. 4:41-11:32)

Deuteronomy 7:9

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

4. Covenants clarify expectations (Deut. 12-26:15)

Deuteronomy 13:18

5. Covenants spell out the <u>consequences</u> of both following and disregarding the terms (Deut. 26:16-28:68)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Deuteronomy 29:9-15