

# Our God is Passionate About Cultivating the Faithful Love of His People.

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God's \_\_\_\_\_ continually displays He is worthy of our love. vs 3-4

God's \_\_\_\_\_ acts of love to His people \_\_\_\_\_ He is worthy of our love. vs 6b-14

We \_\_\_\_\_ to God... vs 9

Yet we \_\_\_\_\_ forget/reject God... vs 15-18

And God will not \_\_\_\_\_ our unfaithfulness. vs 19-25

God \_\_\_\_\_ those who are not his to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are his. vs 26-27 (Also vs 28-35)

God will always \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ will endure. vs 36-43

The promises of God \_\_\_\_\_ in the person of Christ.

In Christ all believers are \_\_\_\_\_ in to the people of God.

## ***Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions***

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**Open:** Why might the world have such an intolerance to the wrath of God? How do you think about God's wrath?

### **Read and Discuss: Deuteronomy 31:16-22**

1. In spite of all the exhortations to Israel in Deuteronomy to obey the law of God, the Lord gives Moses a prophetic word that Israel would eventually forsake his law and covenant (31:16). The song recorded in 32:1-43 is described as a witness against the people (31:19, 21, 26, 28). How do you think this song would serve as a witness against these people? Why might God have wanted Israel to have this recorded in Scripture?

### **Read and Discuss: Deuteronomy 32:1-47**

2. The song of Moses was intended to be a teaching tool for Israel (31:19; 32:2). What does this song teach Israel about God? How are you encouraged by aspects of God's character that you see here? Note some of the positive and negative characteristics revealed about Israel (God's people). How can these insights be helpful to our walk with God?
3. God had a special relationship with Israel (32:6, 9-14, 18). How does that intensify the serious nature of their rebellion? How would you describe someone who was living faithfully to the Lord? How is God's discipline described as a positive and even evidence of his love in Hebrews 12? What other New Testament scriptures can you think of that address God's discipline and or judgement relative to new covenant believers?
4. God's absolute sovereign power is affirmed as he uses his enemies to punish Israel in addition to his determination to eventually exercise vengeance on those very same enemies (32:39-42). Why do you think this should be a matter of praise (32:43)? What would it mean for us if this was not true of God?
5. Notwithstanding Moses' concern about Israel's rebellious nature, he continues to press for obedience on the part of these people (32:46, 47). Why is it important to keep speaking God's truth to people even when we feel confident they will not follow it? How would you paraphrase these verses in your own words to stress the importance of obedience to a new believer?
6. After many years of leading God's people, Moses himself, is forbidden by God from entering the promised land because of his own disobedience (32:51, 52; Num. 20:10-12). What can we learn from this aspect of Moses' life? How can we prepare to finish well with God?

**Apply:** In your experience what helps you remain faithful to God? How might your small group support your pursuit of faithfully following God?

**Pray:** Praise God for His faithfulness. Ask God to empower you to remain faithful in all circumstances. Pray for your fellow believers (and others) in the midst of struggles and doubts.