

Rolling Hills Community Church - Franklin
Make Ready: Aligning Your Priorities
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The Renewal of the Covenant

Moses summoned all the Israelites and said to them... Deuteronomy 29:2

- Moses was the leader of God's people from Egypt to the edge of the Promised Land.
- A Covenant is an agreement, a contract, a commitment, a pledge and a promise.
- God made a covenant with His people at Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:2-3).

Moses shows the people how God has taken care of them already – Deuteronomy 29:2-8

During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. Vs.5

- God takes care of His people.
- Think about what all God has done for you.

Therefore, Moses calls God's people to:

1. Align their priorities now

Carefully follow the terms of the is covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do. All of you are standing today in the presence of the Lord your God... Vs.9-10a

- You don't wait until you cross the Jordan, you align now.
- You don't wait until the battle, you prepare now.

2. Moses challenges them to keep God first

You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with the Lord your God, a covenant the Lord is making with you this day and sealing with an oath, to confirm you this day as His people, that He may be your God as He promised... vs.12-13

- The "contract stipulations" are the Ten Commandments. The first commandment is...
 - *You shall have no other gods before Me... Deuteronomy 5:7*
 - Is there anything you are putting before God?

3. Moses says your commitment to the covenant will impact others

I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you who are standing here with us today in the presence of the Lord our God but also with those who are not here today. Vs.14-15

- Think about the people who will come after you – what will your legacy be?
- Your children are the message you are sending into the future

4. Your obedience to the covenant has blessings or consequences

When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore thinks, 'I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way.' Vs.19

- There are blessings from God as we keep His covenant.
- There are consequences if we don't.

For us, our Covenant comes in Jesus Christ – God enters into a covenant with us.

- Hebrew word, "devar" which means "word or speech." This is the Hebrew name for the book of Deuteronomy and used often - "*These are the words which Moses spoke...*"
- New Testament, "*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.*" **John 1:14**
 - Our Covenant with God is through (the "Word") Jesus Christ His Son

Will you align your life with Christ Jesus today?

Taking It Home

Sovereign God enters into a covenant relationship with us through His Son, Jesus Christ. God takes the initiative and comes to us even when we are in our sin. In this covenant relationship, Jesus pays the price for our failures and mistakes. Our call is to accept His grace and to live our life for His glory. Putting Christ first impacts everything. Will you align your priorities and put Christ first today? Don't get distracted by this world. Stand firm in Christ and live for Him.