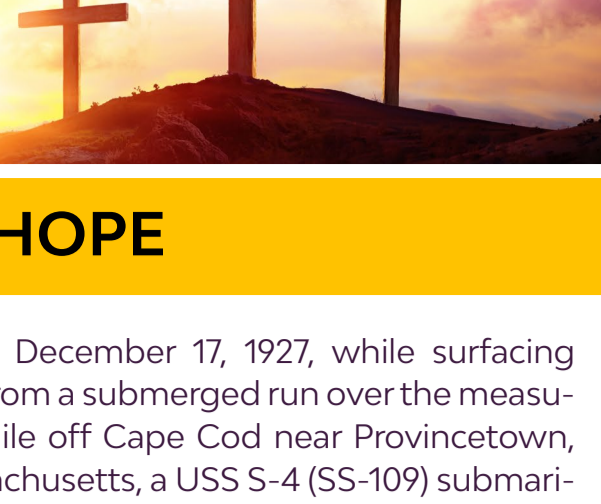




Matthew 6:33



EDITORIAL - HOPE



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On December 17, 1927, while surfacing from a submerged run over the measured-mile off Cape Cod near Provincetown, Massachusetts, a USS S-4 (SS-109) submarine was accidentally rammed & sunk by the Coast Guard destroyer Paulding on Rum Patrol. It sank immediately. Forty men were trapped aboard, and facing what seemed to be near-certain death.

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STEWARDSHIP & THE GREAT COMMISSION

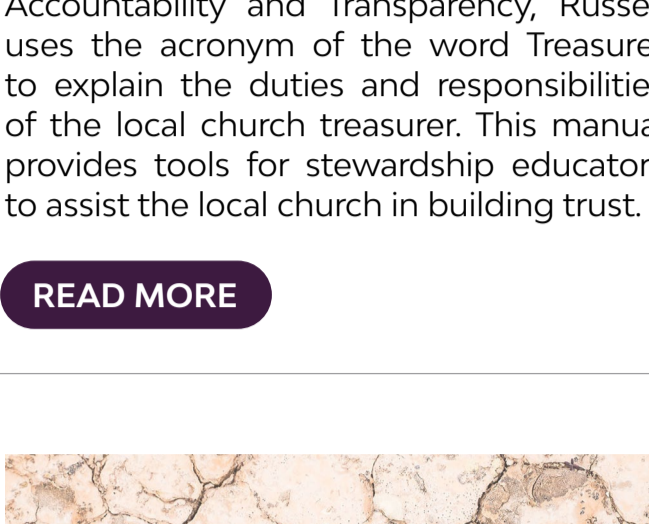
Learn how the “Storehouse Principle,” the “Combined Offering Plan,” and the “Promise” concept (regular and systematic offerings) help accomplish the missionary initiatives of the church.

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PREPARING FOR STEWARDSHIP ARP MEETINGS

Account, Review and Planning Meetings (ARP)
Do you know what Stewardship ARP meetings are? If you are a Stewardship leader, do you know how to prepare for them? In this episode, Aniel Barbe and Marcos Bomfim talk about the importance of this key monitoring and strategic initiative: the Stewardship “Account, Review, and Planning” (ARP) meetings.



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NEW STEWARDSHIP MANUAL—INTERNAL CONTROL



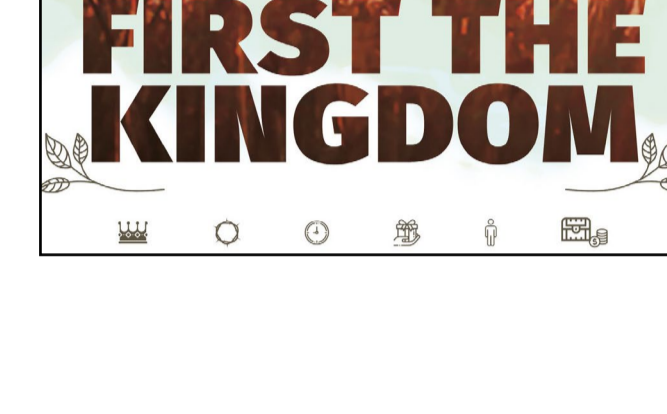
“Free download of “The Financial Equation of Trust, Confidence and Faithfulness.”

Based on the third lead measure of the Stewardship Ministries Strategic Plan—Accountability and Transparency, Russell uses the acronym of the word Treasurer to explain the duties and responsibilities of the local church treasurer. This manual provides tools for stewardship educators to assist the local church in building trust.

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INTERVIEW WITH DONALD E. CRANE

Listen to and share this historical interview with Donald E. Crane, a former GC Stewardship associate director (from 1981-1995), now retired.

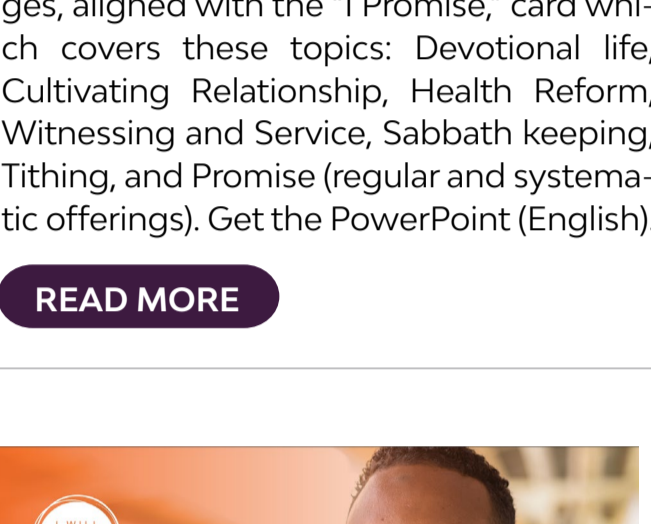


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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES VISITATION PLAN

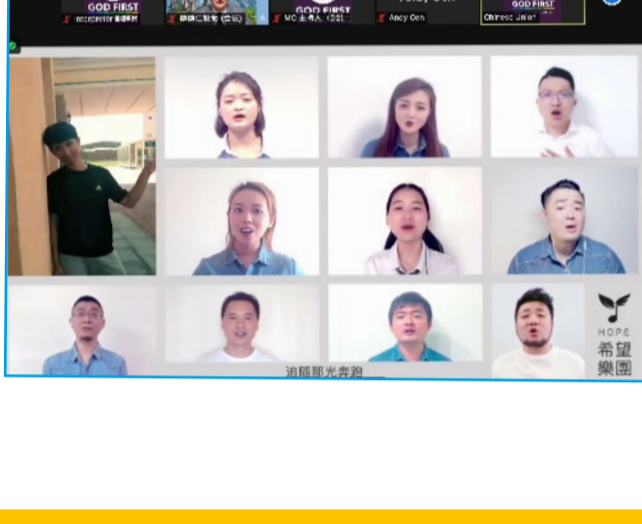
Courtesy of SAD Stewardship

Seeking First the Kingdom is a Revival and Reformation visitation package used during the annual Holy Convocation where all the pastors and stewardship leaders from a given region or field are brought together for the purpose of training, spiritual renewal, and visitation of church members. It includes a spiritual assessment for members, to be filled out after they've been visited.



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STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—GODFIRST 2021



Now in English, French, Spanish, & Portuguese.

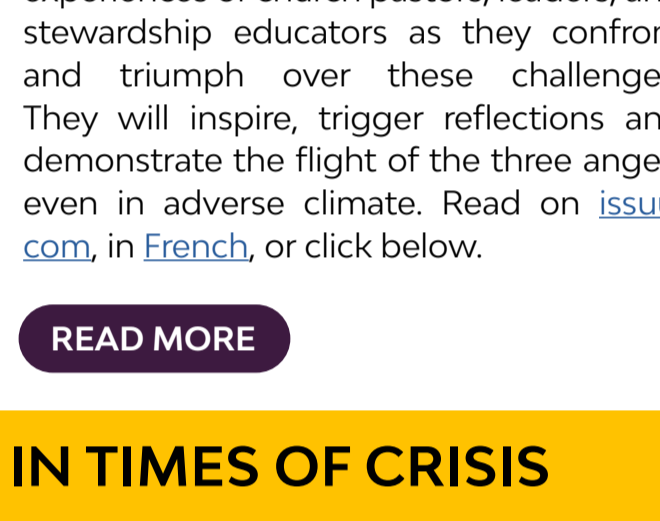
GodFirst 2021

An annual initiative inviting the global membership to renew their commitment to God as stewards. The material comprises of seven inspirational messages, aligned with the “I Promise,” card which covers these topics: Devotional Life, Cultivating Relationship, Health Reform, Witnessing and Service, Sabbath keeping, Tithing, and Promise (regular and systematic offerings). Get the PowerPoint (English).

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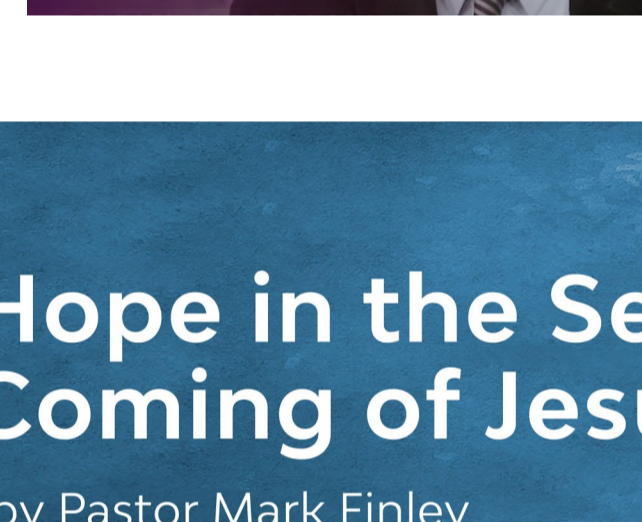
STEWARDSHIP MIN. STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

Based on the “I Will Go” Strategic Focus (2020-2025) of the General Conference, this strategic orientation is now available in French, Portuguese, Spanish, and SAD’s adaptation.



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CHUM—STEWARDS FOR THE MISSION

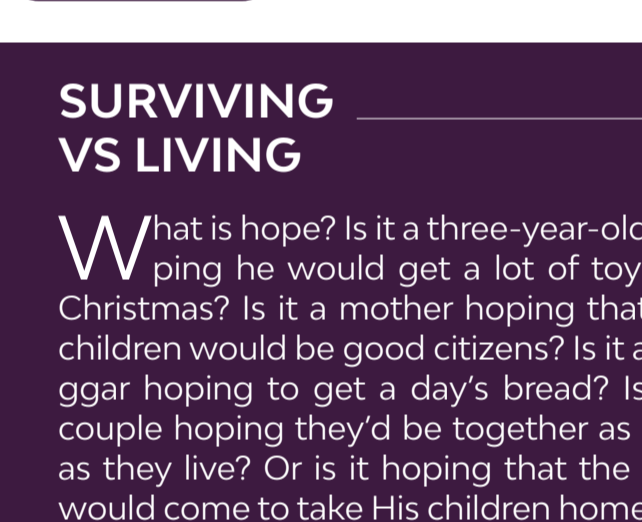


Virtual Treasury Conference

The biennial Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) Treasury Conference was held from October 20-23, 2021. It was divided into two parts. The first was geared toward stewardship leaders and highlighted these topics: Spiritual Preparation for Stewardship Leaders, Leadership in Challenging Times, Mission-Focused Leadership, Interpersonal Relationships, and Corporate Governance.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—JUL.-SEPT. 2021

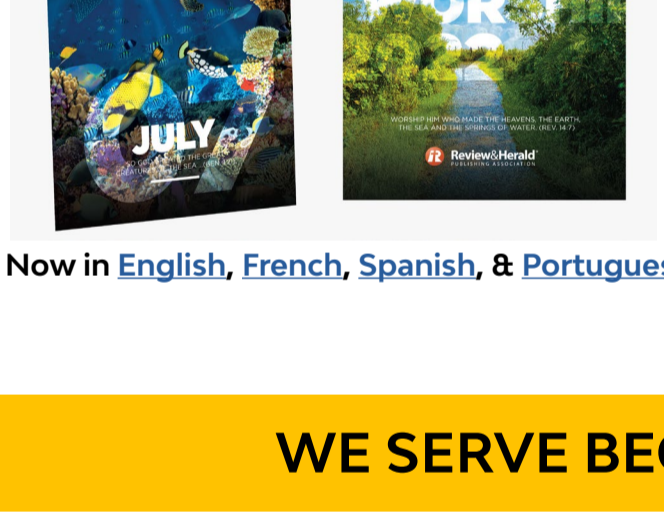


Uplifting Generosity During A Global Crisis

This issue of the *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 24, no. 3, Jul.-Sept. 2021, is a collection of experiences of church pastors, leaders, and stewardship educators as they confront and triumph over these challenges. They will inspire, trigger reflections and demonstrate the flight of the three angels even in adverse climate. Read on [ISSUU.com](#), in [French](#), or click below.

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SUSTAINING GIVING IN TIMES OF CRISIS



How can church leaders educate congregations under their care to sustain giving, even in times of crisis?

This 15-minute video promotes Promise (Regular & Systematic Giving) and may be used during stewardship or administrative meetings. It leads stewardship educators to prepare their congregations for future crises.

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Hope in the Second Coming of Jesus

by Pastor Mark Finley

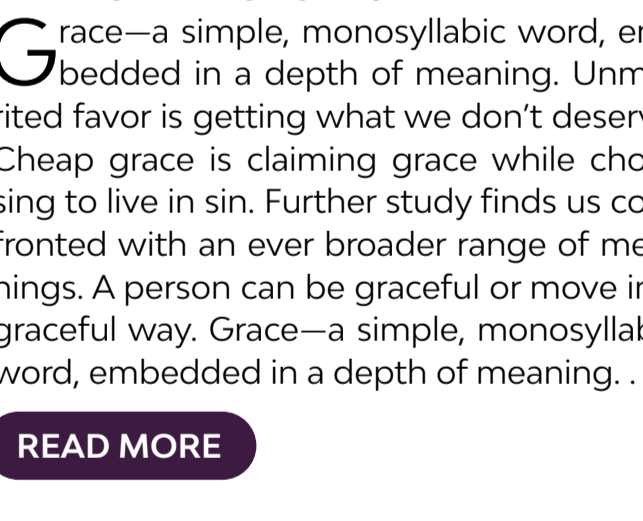


Seventh-day Adventist Church presented *Hope in the Promise of Jesus’ Second Coming* by Pastor Mark Finley. As the world races through the twenty-first century, have you ever considered what our greatest need is? What do men and women living in the twenty-first century need most? If you were starving, it might be food. If you were homeless, it might be a place to live. If disease ravaged your body, it might be medicine. If you were lonely and discouraged, it might be love. Is there one thing more than any other that could take you through any difficulty you might face in life? Is there one thing that can make the human spirit soar? All over the world people are desperately looking for hope.

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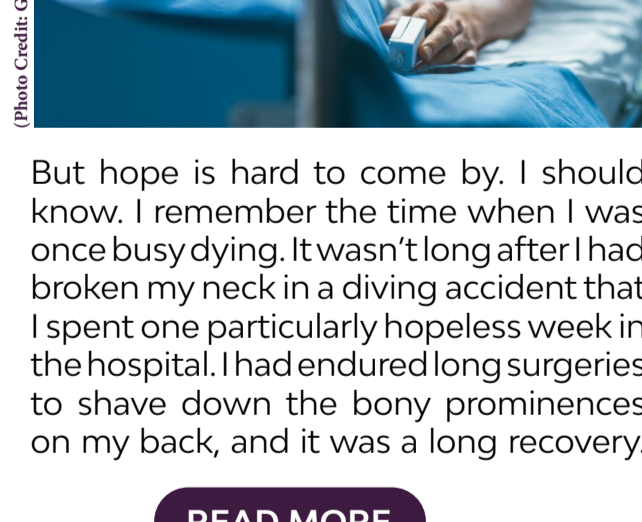
SURVIVING VS LIVING

What is hope? Is it a three-year-old hoping he would get a lot of toys for Christmas? Is it a mother hoping that her children would be good citizens? Is it a beggar hoping to get a day’s bread? Is it a couple hoping they’d be together as long as they live? Or is it hoping that the Lord would come to take His children home real soon?



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TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL READINGS 2022

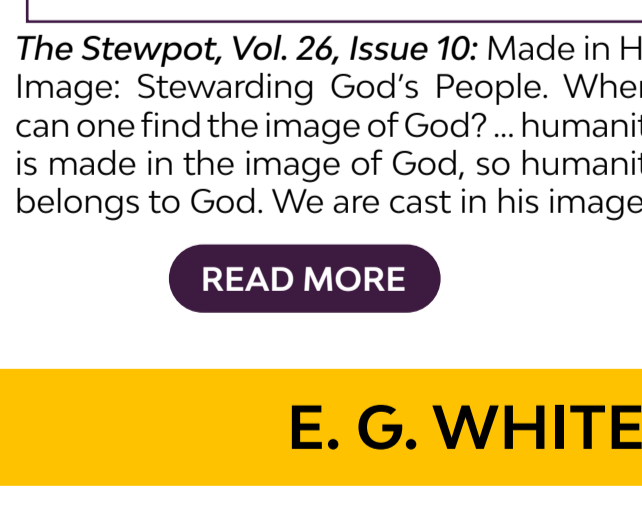


We Worship God Through Creation

These weekly devotional readings invite us to revisit our call to worship the true God, the core of the three angels’ messages (Rev. 14:6-13). Each passage uncovers a new reason for us to worship God, our Creator, Provider, Model, Redeemer, Companion, and Master with our resources. These reflections empower us to resist the devil’s deceptive schemes.

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WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



GIVE SO THEY CAN GO!

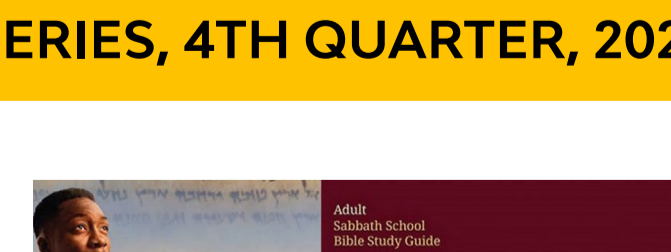
The money used to support missionaries was running out. When the church was nearly forced to call its missionaries home, Adventists stepped up. They accepted the challenge of the mission offering.

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TITHE & OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS—NOV. 2021

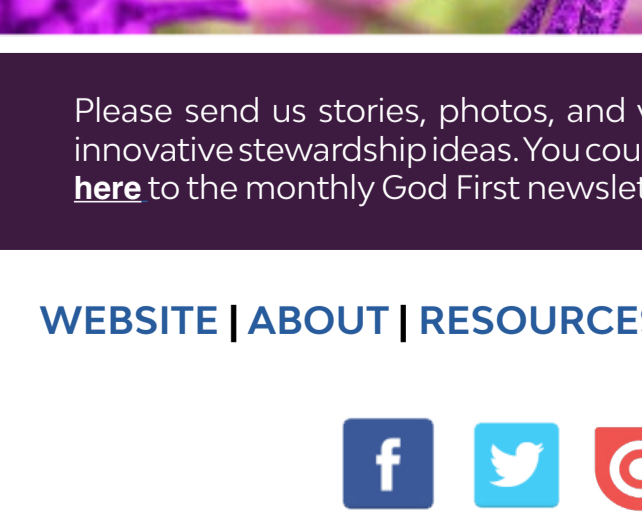
November 2021 Devotional Videos

Offertory devotional videos (2-min.) for the third quarter of 2021 are available for use in your local church. They are available in Chinese, English, French, (undated 2020 videos), Hungarian, Japanese, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. Present them each Sabbath before the offering collection. Find them also on our website.



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DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



THE WONDER OF GRACE

Grace—a simple, monosyllabic word, embedded in a depth of meaning. Unmerited favor is getting what we do not deserve. Cheap grace is claiming grace while choosing to live in sin. Further study finds us confronted with an ever broader range of meanings. A person can be graceful or move in a graceful way. Grace—a simple, monosyllabic word, embedded in a depth of meaning. . . .

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SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

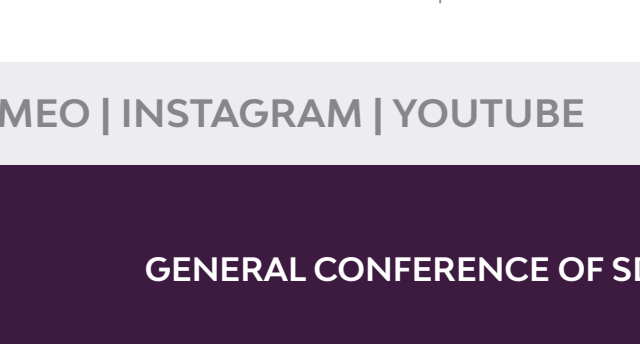
HOPE CAN BE HARD TO COME BY



But hope is hard to come by. I should know. I remember the time when I was once busy dying. It wasn’t long after I had broken my neck in a diving accident that I spent one particularly hopeless week in the hospital. I had endured longer surgeries to shave down the bony prominences on my back, and it was a long recovery.

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HOPE FOR A DYING BOY



The school system in a large city had a program to help children keep up with their school work during stays in the city’s hospitals. One day a teacher who was assigned to the program received a routine call asking her to visit a particular child. She took the child’s name and room number and talked briefly with the child’s

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES

The Stewpot, Vol. 26, Issue 10: Made in His Image: Stewarding God’s People. Where can one find the image of God? . . . humanity is made in the image of God, so humanity belongs to God. We are cast in his image.

Primeiro O Reino, “Kingdom First,” based on the widow’s mite, this book teaches about the right principles of giving. Each chapter has a QR Code to a video as well as questions for small group discussions.

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E. G. WHITE’S QUOTATIONS

Christ calls upon the members of His church to cherish the true, genuine hope of the gospel. He points them upward, distinctly assuring them that the riches that endure are above, not below. Their hope is in heaven, not on the earth. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; . . . and all these things”—all that is essential for your good—“shall be added unto you.”—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 218.

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SABBATH SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES, 4TH QUARTER, 2021

Present Truth in Deuteronomy

—Courtesy of SPD

In this quarter, we will look at Deuteronomy topically, covering themes such as the everlasting covenant, law and grace, what it means to love God and your neighbor, and—most important of all—how the book of Deuteronomy reveals to us the love of God, which was most powerfully made manifest in the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection.

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