

My Vocation Destination

A Place I Never Leave

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¹These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9, NIV)

Observe = _____ myself to _____ them in my life.

¹My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. ²Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. (Proverbs 7:1-2, NIV)

I never leave God's commandments, because they are _____!

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁸Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. ⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. ¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. ¹⁰²I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Psalm 119:97-103, NIV)

Notes _____

1. I can't *not* take God's _____ with me.

¹⁴⁰Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them...
¹⁴⁸My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. (Psalm 119:140,148, NIV)

God's promises have been _____.

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. (Joshua 23:14, NIV)

God's promises do not _____.

³His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (2 Peter 1:3-4, NIV)

God's promises give us what we need for _____ and _____, and escape from _____.

Notes _____

1. I can't *not* take God's _____ with me.

²³Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. ²⁵What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? (Luke 9:23-25, NIV)

⁶¹Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." ⁶²Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:61-62, NIV)

Notes _____

2. I can't *not* take my _____ with me.

My next steps "living the adventure":

- Serve at CW because it's a practice field for an extraordinary life!
- Join a growth group. Ordinary people = extraordinary blessings.
- Meditate on and memorize Luke 9:23-25.