

## Passing the Torch

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

### Outline

Passing the Torch: an Olympic image

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

**(1) Love**, with a capital L (Deut 6:5)

- Love (with a capital L): that’s loving something/someone with all your heart, soul, might. (Deut 6:5)
  - What should I Love? What is *safe* to Love? What is *healthy* to Love? What is *right* to Love? What is *worthy* to Love? What Love is based on *truth*?
  - What if I don’t Love anything or anyone? *Oh, but you do already...*

## (2) Teaching children to Love of God (Deut 6:6-9)

- Wait, you can’t *teach* Love?!
- What is the world teaching children to Love?
- Practical teaching tips in these verses
- How does a church practice this?

### **To the Lord’s Supper: Let’s talk about Love.**

#### Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What did Jesus say about this passage? See Matthew 22:36-40.
2. What does it mean to Love in this way? (Deut 6:5)
  - a. What does this look like *practically*?
  - b. Many churchgoing people don’t want to admit it, but they don’t love God like this. And they might not even want to love God like this! What’s going on? How does a verse like 1 John 3:1 help our hearts?
3. How do we teach this Love to children? (Deut 6:6-9)
  - a. Does this describe your home and your use of time?
  - b. Even if you’re not a parent, how can you love children this way and help pass the torch?