



Don't Waste an Experience:  
**Our Greatest Lesson**

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# Deuteronomy 1:1-5

These are the words that Moses spoke to all the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness east of the Jordan River. They were camped in the Jordan Valley near Suph, between Paran on one side and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab on the other.

<sup>2</sup> Normally it takes only eleven days to travel from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, going by way of Mount Seir. <sup>3</sup> **But forty years after the Israelites left Egypt, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses addressed the people of Israel**, telling them everything the Lord had commanded him to say. <sup>4</sup> This took place after he had defeated King Sihon of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon, and at Edrei had defeated King Og of Bashan, who ruled in Ashtaroth. <sup>5</sup> While the Israelites were in the land of Moab east of the Jordan River, Moses carefully explained the Lord's instructions as follows.



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## Deuteronomy 30:15-18

<sup>15</sup> “Now listen! Today **I am giving you a choice between life and death**, between prosperity and disaster. <sup>16</sup> For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

<sup>17</sup> “But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, <sup>18</sup> then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy.



Don't waste your experience.  
Living the lessons doesn't just happen.  
It requires reflection and decisions.

What are some of the lessons you have learnt from your COVID experience of 2020?

What will you do differently in 2021?

## Deuteronomy 1:19-27

- <sup>19</sup> “Then, just as the Lord our God commanded us, we left Mount Sinai and traveled through the great and terrifying wilderness, as you yourselves remember, and headed toward the hill country of the Amorites. When we arrived at Kadesh-barnea, <sup>20</sup> I said to you, ‘You have now reached the hill country of the Amorites that the Lord our God is giving us. <sup>21</sup> Look! He has placed the land in front of you. Go and occupy it as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Don’t be afraid! Don’t be discouraged!’
- <sup>22</sup> “But you all came to me and said, ‘First, let’s send out scouts to explore the land for us. They will advise us on the best route to take and which towns we should enter.’
- <sup>23</sup> “This seemed like a good idea to me, so I chose twelve scouts, one from each of your tribes. <sup>24</sup> They headed for the hill country and came to the valley of Eshcol and explored it. <sup>25</sup> They picked some of its fruit and brought it back to us. And they reported, ‘The land the Lord our God has given us is indeed a good land.’
- <sup>26</sup> “But you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God and refused to go in. <sup>27</sup> You complained in your tents and said, ‘**The Lord must hate us.** That’s why he has brought us here from Egypt—to hand us over to the Amorites to be slaughtered.’



# OUR GREATEST LESSON

GOD is our greatest lesson  
we carry out of our experiences in life.



What are the lessons of GOD that you  
carry out from 2020 into 2021?