

Text: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Title: Taken
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Series: Hear and Remember

[For Group Leaders: The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

1. SERMON RECAP

(Visit pmc.org.sg to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Powerpoint slides)

- a. We are precious to God. He values us above all things and desires for us to be in a holy relationship with him that is exclusive and permanent.
- b. God has extended the privilege of relationship to us by His grace and through the act of salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ. No one can earn this right of relationship by human effort or deeds.
- c. Our natural response is to know (head and heart) that we are deeply loved by God, and respond by loving Him with all our heart, mind and strength, and living in accordance to His commands.

2. LIVE IT OUT

- a. Like Israel, Singapore has much to thank God for the last 50 years; and this is indeed by God's grace, mercy and blessings upon our nation and not because of our righteousness, size nor resources. With this heart of gratefulness, what can we do this week to bless the community around us?
 - > As a life group, list things we can do as individuals
 - > List things we can do as a group.

Do it this coming week!!

- b. Deut. 7:6 reads:

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.”

- > Take 5 minutes to reflect on this verse as a group. Then share your thoughts and feelings.
- > Do we see ourselves as such a “people”? If so, how would our day-to-day goals and choices be different?

- c. Do you feel that the “temperature” of your Christian life fluctuates through a wide range; sometimes cold, sometimes lukewarm, sometimes red hot?
 - > Discuss possible reasons for such fluctuations.
 - > How do we love God with “heart, soul and strength” in spite of this? Share your own stories of success and struggle.

3. **PRAY**

- a. God has “Taken” us for Himself. We are His treasured possession, and the apple of His eye. He is our Father who loves us passionately and defends us jealously.
 - > Are we able to identify with the above truths? Consider our relationship with own earthly father. To what extent does your relationship with your biological father affect the way you view God as Father?
 - > Take some time to express your love and thanksgiving for your earthly father. If you have been hurt, ask God to help you forgive him.
 - > Pray for those whom you know have absent or abusive fathers. Pray for healing, comfort, and repentance.

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Consider Deut. 7:10,

“... He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

- > How do we reconcile this verse with a God of Love?
- > Who are these “God-haters”?
