

## LOOKING BACKWARD, LIVING FORWARD

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### Deuteronomy 32:48-52

<sup>48</sup>That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, <sup>49</sup>“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. <sup>50</sup>And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, <sup>51</sup>because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. <sup>52</sup>For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

### Deuteronomy 34:1-12

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### Hebrews 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

### Questions:

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1. Since Exodus 3, Moses' life has been a 40-year conversation with God. What themes have stood out to you over the course of his life? What has been most helpful for you personally?
2. One commentator writes, “The shadow of Moses' death hangs over the entire book of Deuteronomy. Many of the speeches in chapters 1-30 prepare the people for his departure.” If God gave you the opportunity to prepare others for your departure, what would you want your words and life to emphasize?
3. Moses was a flawed but faithful servant. Do you believe you can serve God faithfully in spite of your past, present, and future flaws? What is God bringing to light in you that needs repentance under the guidance of his grace?
4. Do you feel a sense of responsibility to bless the generation behind you? Why is this important for faithfulness to God?
5. In the end, Moses was eulogized for living for the glory of God. He left his fate and the fate of Israel in God's hands, and in the hands of a future leader who would finish the journey. Are you trusting God for the entirety of your life? Are you willing to let the work of another hero (Jesus Christ) determine your destiny completely?