

WHY A COVENANT?

Hebrews 8:7-17

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Hebrews 8:10

MEMORY VERSE

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
Hebrews 8:10

Being God's Children

Life as a parent of a teen can be crazy. Between running a full-time taxi service and dealing with the highs and lows of adolescent emotions, finding time for your relationship with God can be a challenge. Fortunately, your relationship with God is a covenant—and that means God promises to be there for you.

Read Hebrews 8:7-17.

This passage quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34, where the prophet foretold God creating a new covenant. Basically, a covenant is an agreement between two people or groups. In this case, it is an agreement between God and you.

Read verse 10 again. God said the new covenant would be in your mind and on your heart. A relationship with God is built on personal experience and intimate knowledge of Him, not ritualistic adherence to rules and regulations. Simply put, the new covenant says God will be your God, and you will be one of His people.

In your relationship with God, do you find yourself trying to accomplish something to please Him? Or do you simply rest in the knowledge that you are God's child, knowing nothing can take that away? Take a few moments right now and thank God for being your God.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

Each person grab a pen and paper. Write one thing you value about your relationship with each other person in your family. After everyone is finished, share what you wrote. **Discuss:** What do you value most about your relationship with God?

Explore . . .

Read Hebrews 8:10. **Discuss:** What does this verse say about your relationship with God?

Transform . . .

Discuss: What should your family look like if God's law is written on your hearts?

Work together to create a list of things your family should do as you live in covenant with God.

Pray together about the items on your list with each person praying for two or three items.