

# Passing the Baton

## Deuteronomy 31.1-8

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### Introduction

- Moses must pass the baton to Joshua
- What does Moses do to \_\_\_\_\_ the people for the transition?

**Main Points:** Moses reminds the people of three important aspects of God in this transition...

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ the who, what, where, when, and why
  - Moses is 120 – 40 years in Egypt, 40 years in Midian, 40 years leading Israel
  - Matthew 8.23-27; Psalm 29.10-11
2. God is their \_\_\_\_\_ leader
  - Verses 3-5 explain what God will do...
    - God will cross over \_\_\_\_\_ of His people
    - God will \_\_\_\_\_ the nations before them
    - God will \_\_\_\_\_ Israel's foes to them
    - What happened to Sihon and Og was legendary
  - In antiquity people understood the king was their undisputed leader; Scripture refers to YHWH as \_\_\_\_\_...
    - Psalm 10.16
    - Isaiah 52.7
    - Jeremiah 10.10.
    - 1Timothy 6.15-16

3. God is \_\_\_\_\_

- The last three verses hold the same encouragement for the nation as the individual
- The Bible describes God as a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ – but here the concept is more that God is faithful to His word. His covenant, His people.
  - Deuteronomy 7.9
  - Psalm 89.8
  - 1Corinthians 1.8-9

### Conclusion

- Moses passed the baton to Joshua; we will all pass the baton to someone \_\_\_\_\_
  - Succession planning, mentoring, leadership development
- The courage to enter into the Promised Land was predicated on the character and nature of God – that he his sovereign / all powerful; that he is sovereign – his authority is indisputable, and we need not give in to fear or doubt because God is faithful – his faithfulness is attached to his \_\_\_\_\_ for his people