

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

AS YOU READ CHAPTER 5

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week. Bible readings that correspond with this week's reading can be found at www.hopewdm.org.

1. Moses said, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." (p. 61). Describe what it means to "fear God" from what you read. Is this the same or different than what you expected? In what ways can you relate or not relate to the fear of God as described in The Story? What might God be telling you through this passage?
2. Moses was an intermediary between Israel and God. Has there been someone in your life who prayed for you, helped you see God's will, or acted as a spiritual mentor? Would that type of relationship be a blessing to you today? How could you seek it out? How could you do this for someone else?
3. God continued to use Aaron, even after the Golden Calf debacle. Have you ever felt like your sin disqualified you for service to God? How does Aaron's story encourage you?
4. Moses prayed to God on Israel's behalf (p. 65-66). Who in your life needs you to intercede for them? Make a list in your journal, and offer a prayer for them now.
5. God reminded Moses that children live with the consequences of their parents' sins (p. 68). Identify a sin or unhealthy tendency in your own family line that still affects you. What measures can you employ to stop the cycle? What ways have you seen God work at redeeming those unhealthy cycles?
6. Moses' face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord (p. 69). When have you experienced God's presence or heard his voice most clearly? What was your experience like?

PRAYER

God,
Thank you for showing us your way that fosters life through the Commandments and your law. Forgive us for how we have fallen short. Forgive us for choosing our own way and hurting others and ourselves. Help us hear again, the promise of life and rescue that Jesus wins through his sacrifice for us. Lead us to follow your way and your law of love. Amen