


Vision Quest


Do not turn aside to the right or the left from all the things I am commanding you today, and do not follow other gods to worship them.


~ Deuteronomy 28:14

Discover the Context

Deuteronomy 28:1-19

 Do you know the mission and vision of the camp you are serving at this summer? What attracted you to this camp? What fears do you have as you start out on your summer-long quest? What is the best way to handle these fears?

 Do you have a personal mission for the summer? Some questions to consider are, *What is important for me to do this summer? How do I want to act? What do I want campers/parents to see in me?* Ponder these questions and write a sentence or two statement about your purpose or vision for the summer. Hang it up somewhere and review it periodically to keep you focused and inspired.

 Ask God to help relieve your fears and increase your faith in his power and grace.

Have you met the staff member who is all gung ho about camp ministry? The one who showed up to orientation with his face painted in camp colors. The one who always raises her hand to answer every question. The one who is over the top with camp spirit. All the time.

Wait. Don't make fun of this person. Many times the camp enthusiast is a great example of what we should all be on the inside. If God has called you to serve at camp this summer you should be passionate about it. You should vigorously support the vision of your camp and joyfully follow what God has for you.

All summer long.

We pray that this devotional book will help you keep your vision on Christ. Don't be like fireworks that start off sputtering and smoking but fizzle out. Instead follow the advice in today's verse where Moses told the Israelites to follow God's calling for them—undistracted, without diversion, completely.

Moses called them to be all in. Are you?

Hopefully you didn't show up at camp because you didn't have anything better to do this summer or because your parents or someone else coerced you into it. Hopefully you won't just be passionate about following Christ at the beginning of the summer but end up more concerned about your reputation and comfort by the end of the summer. Hopefully you're not self-righteously critiquing the vision and methods of your camp. In Moses' words that's turning aside to the right or the left. Don't do it.

Commit yourself to a quest this summer—learn from your camp leaders, love God wholeheartedly, serve others unselfishly.

Of course none of this can be done apart from Jesus Christ. Without Jesus you'll end up in a ditch on the right side or in quicksand on the left side. By the middle of the first week. Jesus must be your source and strength every moment. JCR