

**Series:** White Flag

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**Text:** Deuteronomy 6:20-25

**Title:** The Rules of the Peace Treaty

**Behavior Statement:** No talking. No leaving.

## **Introduction**

Sharing my faith with the worst cusser I've ever been around in my life. When I grew up in Tuscaloosa, I worked at a Golf Course one summer while I was in college. Every morning they would pair us up with another worker and give us a task to do that day. There was one dude there that I don't even remember his name, but all I can remember was his skill at cussing. He was the worst cusser I've ever heard in my life. Literally every 3rd word was dropping some bombs. He would string words together that didn't even make sense. He cussed when he was mad. He cussed when was happy. He cussed when was working. He cussed when he was eating. It was unbelievable. I really wanted to introduce him to a new world of the English vocabulary and work on his adjectives.

I remember at the end of the summer finally getting paired up with him. I remember thinking to myself, this dude has absolutely no conscience. He doesn't care about spiritual things. How in the world am I going to introduce him to Jesus. All he's going to do is cuss me out! I will never forget it. While we were working together that day, he started asking me questions! He told me that he knew he shouldn't be talking the way he was talking. He even told me that he was wondering about Jesus and his blankety blank disciples. He told me that he was convicted about the way he was living. I was blown away! I got to share the Gospel with him that day!

## **Series**

This series White Flag is all about surrendering to Share Your Faith.

Last week we talked about the importance of Introducing Jesus to your friends and sharing with them what God has already done for them.

This past Sunday we studied together how to even begin a Gospel Conversation with someone.

Tonight we're going to talk about how to answer people's hard questions about the Bible and Christianity especially when it comes to all of **God's rules**.

The book of Deuteronomy is written as a Peace Treaty.

Have you ever had to make a truce with someone?

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## Bible

Deuteronomy 6:20 "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?'

Moses is saying that your kids are going to ask you questions like, "What is up with all these testimonies, statutes, and rules that God is commanding us?"

I do want you to be ready for those questions from your kids. But first, you've got to be ready to answer that from your friends!

1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Its so fascinating to see how Moses answers this question for us.

Deuteronomy 6:21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.'

Moses is saying:

**When people ask about God's rules, tell them about His rescue.**

When someone asks you crazy questions about the Bible, always use it as an opportunity to share the Gospel! Spurgeon said it like this "Make a B-line for Jesus."

Every question we get asked is an opportunity to talk about what Jesus has done for us!

Deuteronomy 6:22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

This reminds us to share our testimony about how God has defeated the power of sin in our lives! This is your opportunity to tell them about your testimony.

Deuteronomy 6:23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

Every question is an opportunity to share about the eternal hope we have in heaven!

Deuteronomy 6:24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good

always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

**When people ask about God's rules, tell them about His rescue.**

**When people ask about God's rules, tell them about your relationship.**

**God's rules are not just for His glory, they are also for our good.**

**God gives us His laws because of His love.**

## **Gospel**

Deuteronomy 6:25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.'

This is where everything changes. In the Old Testament (the Old Covenant) God was showing His people their need for Jesus. He was teaching them that they couldn't obey His laws or commandments. They didn't have what it took.

**Jesus obeyed God's rules for our good so that we could obey His commandments for God's glory.**

**On one hand, Jesus obeyed God's rules for our good.**

**On the other hand, we now obey Jesus' commandments for His glory.**

## **Story**

When I jumped off Jenna's roof, broke it, and she took the heat for me. She took the heat from her father for my sin.

Jesus took the heat from His Father for our sin.

## **Application**

There are two types of people this is for:

1. **The friend with all the doubt.**

Why does the Bible give us all these rules? These kinds of questions are questioning God's goodness. This is our opportunity to share God's goodness toward them.

2. **The friend with all the guilt.**

What if I'm not good enough because I haven't obeyed God's rules? These kinds of questions are questioning God's grace. This is our opportunity to share God's grace with them.

## **Conclusion**

I want this series to encourage you! So many Christians feel helpless and powerless when it comes to sharing Jesus with others. Much like I did out on that Golf Course. I want to teach you now what I wish I would have said!

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