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“So Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, just as the LORD had said. The LORD buried him in a valley near Beth-peor in Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact place.”

Deuteronomy ends, and ends our study, with the death of Moses and the fulfillment of the promise with which the book began. God is true to His word, and faithful to His promises. It was a long and winding road that led them from Ur to Egypt to Jericho, but God was faithful. And in the end, He buried Moses Himself. Nowhere else in all of human history do we find God burying anyone, except here. With honor, reverence, and respect, God takes the body back to the dust from which it came, just as He brought life out of the dust in the first place.

So, leadership passes on to Joshua, the people shift their allegiance just as they shift their MO, from a wandering nation of former slaves trying to survive to an invading army trying to conquer. And they need the Pentateuch, the five books of the bible we just finished reading, because they need to remember that God is faithful when He promises. Because they are heading in to the Promised Land to attack, drive out, and occupy the land of a vast and powerful people.

I think we need these first five books, too. Not because we need to follow the Law they embody – Jesus fulfilled that Law and following His commands is our task. Not because we need a history of God’s people, with examples to follow and examples NOT to follow. But because we too need to remember that God is faithful.

We need this reminder that God makes promises, some of which are yet to be fulfilled. And we need this reminder that those promises are trustworthy. “I will never leave you,” God says. “I will give you life, and life to the full,” Jesus says. “In the end, God wins,” Jesus says. And all of these are trustworthy not based on our righteousness, which is pretty awful, and not because of our obedience, which is pretty spotty, and not because of our... anything. These promises are trustworthy because God is faithful.

The end.

See you next February!