



Message Outline

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Deuteronomy 6:10-19

The Quicksand of Success

SERIES: Summer in the Sand

Most of us want to succeed – a good income, healthy marriages, happy families, a comfortable life. But if we're not careful, we can find ourselves stepping into quicksand – these subtle dangers that pull us in before we even realize what's happening.

3 SUCCESS TRAPS

Deut 6:10-11

We can be tempted to...

1) _____ God

Deut 6:12

2) _____ God

Deut 6:13-15

3) _____ God

Deut 6:16-17

3 SUCCESS SAFEGUARDS

Deut 6:18-19

Live in the LORD'S 1) _____ 2) _____ and 3) _____



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. What's one area of life where you've recently felt "successful" – big or small (work, relationships, parenting, a hobby, a project, etc.)?
2. How does our culture's understanding of success line up with God's perspective?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:10-19 and review the sermon outline. What point(s) stood out or connected with you most from the reading and message?
4. In verses 10-11, God promises Israel blessings they did not earn. Have you ever experienced God's generosity or provision in a way you didn't deserve? How did it affect your gratitude or humility?
5. What are some ways people (or we ourselves) are tempted to "forget" God when life is comfortable and going well?
6. What "substitute gods" (idols) does our culture encourage us to pursue in the name of success?
7. What does it mean to "test" God in this passage? Have you ever found yourself in a place where you expected God to "prove" Himself to you? How can we move from testing to trusting?
8. How can God's Word serve as a safeguard against the subtle dangers of success? Can you share a verse or passage that helps you stay grounded?
9. Looking at your own life, which of these three traps feels most real or tempting to you right now – forgetting God, substituting God, or testing God? What is one concrete step you can take this week to guard against it?
10. Extra credit: For a deeper dive into Sunday's message, check out the Unhurried with Doug Kyle podcast on YouTube or wherever you get your podcasts.