

PASSING ON WHOM WE LOVE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (ESV)

“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rule - that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

INTRODUCTION:

On this Chaplaincy Sunday, we are reminded through Deuteronomy 6:1–9 that passing on what God has taught us is both a calling and a responsibility - just as Moses urged Israel to impress God’s commands upon the next generation. The sermon highlighted three truths: our call to chaplaincy, God’s heart for children, and the need to relay and reveal God through our actions. These truths speak directly into our ministry at St. Hilda’s Schools, where we have the privilege of nurturing young lives, as well as reaching out to the school leaders, teachers, and staff, in faith, hope, and love.

DISCUSS:

1. Called to Chaplaincy (Deuteronomy 6:1, 4–5)

Chaplaincy is not just a role but a calling rooted in God’s command to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. Our ministry in St. Hilda’s schools flows from this love, serving as channels of God’s presence and care.

How does our love for God shape the way we respond to the chaplaincy calling in St. Hilda’s schools?

2. Children Matter to God (Deuteronomy 6:2, 7)

God's Word makes clear that children are precious to Him. He calls us to keep all His statutes and commandments, and to teach them diligently to our children. Our school chaplaincy reminds us that the students entrusted to our care are not just learners but beloved children of God too. Investing in them spiritually is part of passing on our faith to the next generation.

In what ways can we show the students and our next generations, that they matter deeply to God?

3. Relay and Reveal God in Your Action (Deuteronomy 6:1, 3, 7)

Passing on faith is not only about words but about our actions that reveal God's love. In our chaplaincy works, every act of kindness, encouragement, and prayer becomes a testimony that points them to God.

How can we, as a church community, support the church chaplaincy teams by relaying and revealing God's love through our actions, whether in prayer, encouragement, or practical involvement with the schools?

Pray:

1. For the chaplaincy calling:

Lord, strengthen us to embrace our church's chaplaincy calling with wholehearted love for You, so that our ministry reflects Your heart in the schools.

2. For the children:

Father, remind us that each child matters to You. Help us to nurture, guide, and encourage them so they may grow in faith and hope in You.

3. For our actions:

Holy Spirit, empower us to relay and reveal Your love through our actions, so that students and our next generations will experience Your presence.