

CHAPTER 5
New Commandments and a New Covenant

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

1. Moses said, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning” (p. 61). Describe what it means to “fear God.” How does your life show that you fear God?
2. Moses was an intermediary between Israel and God. Has there been someone in your life who prayed for you, helped you see God’s will, or acted as a spiritual mentor? Would that type of relationship be a blessing to you today?
3. God continued to use Aaron, even after the Golden Calf debacle. Have you ever felt like your sin disqualified you for service to God? How does Aaron’s story encourage you?
4. Moses prayed to God on Israel’s behalf (p. 66). Who in your life needs you to intercede for them? Make a list in your journal and offer a prayer for them now.
5. Could you be described like God: compassionate, slow to anger, gracious, abounding in loving kindness? Which of these traits best describes you? Which are most difficult?
6. God reminded Moses that children live with the consequences of their parents’ sins (p. 68). Identify a sin or unhealthy tendency in your own family line that still affects you. What measures can you employ to stop the cycle?
7. Moses’ face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD (p. 69). What evidence of your relationship with the LORD would others say they see in you?