

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, **by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances,** then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

17 But **if your heart turns away** and you **do not hear**, but are led astray **to bow down** to other gods and serve them, 18 **I declare to you** today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 I call **heaven and earth to witness** against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 **loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him**; for that means life to you and length of days, so that **you may live in the land** that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Eye - S, Music - I/S, Nature - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			Make 2 posters, one with images of death and deadly things (bombs, weapons, skulls, skunks, etc.) and one with life-giving and prosperous things (hearts, rainbows, unicorns, etc.). Set them on either side of you while you read the passage and preach. Point to them repeatedly.
Math - Logical/Mathematical		The logic is pretty clear. If A, then life. If B, then death. Where A = love & obey the Lord and B = love &	

		obey anyone else	
Body - Kinesthetic	Bow down to other gods	<p>Bowing down exposes the back of the neck and makes one vulnerable to a surprise attack. Choosing to bow down means we have confidence that we will be okay - or that we are ready to take a risk.</p> <p>What in our lives would engender such devotion that we would make ourselves physically vulnerable?</p>	<p>Clear some space and bow down in either the yoga position known as child's pose or in the Muslim prayer position.</p> <p>Notice what you can see - probably not much other than the floor if you keep your eyes open.</p> <p>Notice what this does with your internal organs, especially if you do not adopt this position very often. (I find everything between my pelvis and shoulders gets scrunched up and it can be a bit suffocating.)</p> <p>How does it feel to have your back so exposed? Your backside?</p> <p>Try to stay in this position for a full minute and notice what it does to your body and mind. Are you able to relax into it or are you tense?</p>
Musical		Like a lot of torch songs or pop songs where the singer tells how lousy it will be if you choose a different partner but how great it will be if you choose the singer.	He Will Break Your Heart - Jerry Butler
Natural	<p>Vs 19 heaven and earth as witness</p> <p>Similar to the mountains and foundations acting as jury, but here, they also act as evidence</p>	In what ways does the very earth we inhabit witness for or against us before God? If life as we know it were to end today, what would the condition of our atmosphere, soil, drinking water, and its toxicity say to God about	Seventh generation philosophy (Iroquois nation)

		us?	
People - Interpersonal	Led astray - this is linked to self - we often go down alternate paths because of the relationship we have with another person, especially if that relationship is not healthy or WE are not healthy or the other person is not healthy.	<p>Like Billy May and other infomercial announcers, describing doom if you choose one way and glory if you choose the right way. (People because of the emotional connection needed for the sales pitch)</p> <p>In the PBS Masterpiece series <i>Victoria</i>, as the young queen prepares to marry Prince Albert, many people suggest that he is likely to take a mistress, as so many other men in power (and the family!) have done. She confronts him with the possibility. He replies, "Is that really what you think of me? There is only one woman that I want or will ever want, and that is you." Ah, if only our faith toward the Lord were so single minded!</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal	Loving the Lord and obeying, walking, living, trusting fills all aspects of our being and our life	<p>Some ideas/images of being so devoted to God:</p> <p>A balloon inflated with air A flower opening in blossom A kite taking off in flight Vitamins or antibiotics coursing through a bloodstream Taking a deep breath</p>	<p>Brainstorm some other images of being deeply held by God or of God being deeply embedded in your life.</p> <p>Use that image as a focal point in your quieter times this week; on your commute (but only if you aren't driving, be safe), while taking a walk, in the shower, lying in bed, if you have a regular quiet time.</p> <p>Make or find a charm of that object and hang it somewhere you'll see it, etc.</p>

