

TO GO

1. Consider a time in your life when you “got out ahead of your skis.” What happened to bring you back to reality? What did you learn about yourself through the experience?
2. Read Genesis 2:16–17. Why do you think God gave this “limitation” to Adam and Eve prior to their fall in Genesis 3? What about mankind’s relationship with God did God wish to emphasize in this passage?
3. Review Deuteronomy 1:19–33. How did Israel end up in the desert for so long?
4. Read Deuteronomy 8:1–4. How does Moses (writer of Deuteronomy) highlight the need for God’s people to receive God’s provisions? What aspects of God’s provisions for you are typically easiest to ignore? Why is that?
5. Read Deuteronomy 8:5. What good reasons do parents have to discipline their children? Why is it so critical that we recognize God’s role in disciplining us?
6. Read Deuteronomy 8:6–10. Why does God insist that we walk “in his ways by fearing him”? What is God’s ultimate plan for the people He’s created?
7. Read Deuteronomy 8:11–20. What is the standard by which God’s creation is held accountable? Why might it typically be easier to live within this standard in times of want rather than in times of plenty?
8. In what ways is God calling you to embrace your “creature status”? How is this causing you to be more humble and thankful? Take a few moments to praise God for his good provisions in your life and ask Him to give you patience as you wait on Him for the rest.