# Succession Planning Sharing the Covenant

## 1. Stick to the Rules

### Deuteronomy 31:1-13

# God spoke in the past

## About Moses’ own life

## About His continued leading of the people

## About the future

### of the people

### their leader

### their victories

## About the need to continue to listen and obey

## About their fears being overcome by courage

# God promised to go before them

## To lead them

## To discomfort their enemies

### Their enemies are out there, not in their midst!

# God promised to go with them

## He will never leave you or forsake you

### So do not be afraid

### So do not be discouraged

#### Fear and discouragement are the natural reactions to change and uncertainty

# God wants you to stick to the rules

## Especially in uncertain times

### Not to burden them but to keep them steady

## A Law to be read together

### Not in a burdensome way, but in a reminding one

### Not in a ritualistic way, but in an inclusive one

## A Law to be heard and obeyed

### Not with lip-service, but wholeheartedly and in detail

## These are the designer’s warranty rules

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Warranties

## What is the best warranty you have come across and what was it for?

### Did you have to use it/claim on it?

## Which of these are part of ‘God’s warranty’ for the Christian?

### Good health, adequate wealth, true happiness, inner peace at all times, a thriving church, a welcome on death

## What are the warranties of the Christian faith?

# God spoke in the past

## When can you remember God ‘speaking’ to you and what was it about?

### Does God always ‘speak’ to you in the same way or has it changed?

## When, if ever, have you had to be courageous in your faith?

### Tell the story

# God going with and going before you

## When can you say God went before us or God led us?

### How easy was it to follow?

# Sticking to the rules

## To what extent do you agree that in times of doubt or fear ‘stick to the rules’?

### What rules would those be?

### How does this sit alongside ‘thinking outside of the box’ for new ways to tackle new problems?

### To what extent does this encourage ‘tried and tested’ methods of solving a particular problem?

### To what extent is this about the character of the problem solver rather than the thinking processes necessary to solve the problem?

## How does agreeing the ‘rules’ beforehand help in decision making?