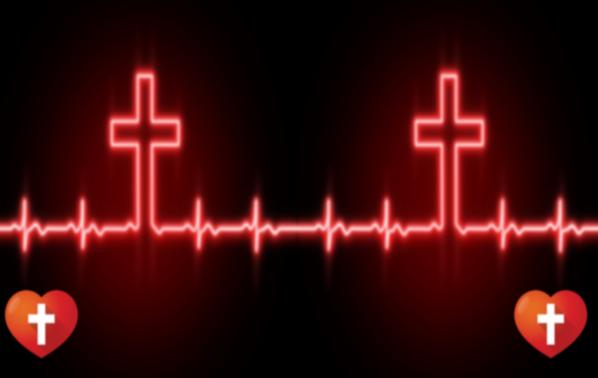


“THE GREATEST COMMAND: LOVE THE LORD (BE DEVOTIONAL, DAILY)”

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENT:
THE *SHEMA*



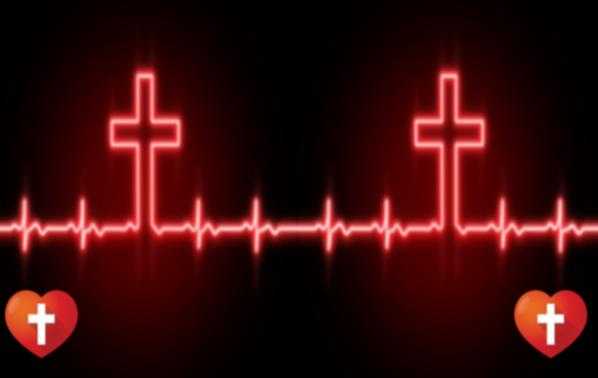
28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the **most important?**” 29 “The **most important one,**” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.** 30 **Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ (Mk 12:28-30, NIV; cf. Mt 22:35-37; Lk 10:27)



DEUTERONOMY 6:4
LISTEN (*SHEMA*)!

Listen [שְׁמַע | *shema*], O Israel! The
LORD [YHWH] is our God, the
LORD [YHWH] alone. (Dt 6:4, AT)





DEUTERONOMY 6:4
WHY LISTEN?



37 Because he **loved** your ancestors and **chose** their descendants after them, he **brought you out of Egypt** by his Presence and his great strength, 38 to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today. (Dt 4:37-38, NIV)

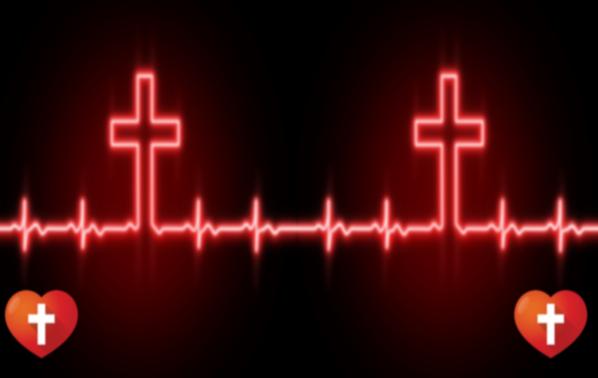




DEUTERONOMY 6:4
WHY LISTEN?

6 “I am the **LORD [YHWH]** your God,
who brought you out of Egypt, out of the
land of slavery. 7 “You shall have no other
gods before me. (Dt 5:6-7, NIV)





DEUTERONOMY 6:4 WHY LISTEN?



1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD [YHWH] your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD [YHWH] your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and **so that you may enjoy long life.** 3 **Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey** so that it **may go well with you** and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD [YHWH], the God of your ancestors, promised you. (Dt 6:1-3, NIV)





DEUTERONOMY 6:4
LISTEN, *ISRAEL!*

After this, his brother came out, with his hand **grasping Esau's heel**; so he was named **Jacob**. (Gen 25:26, NIV)

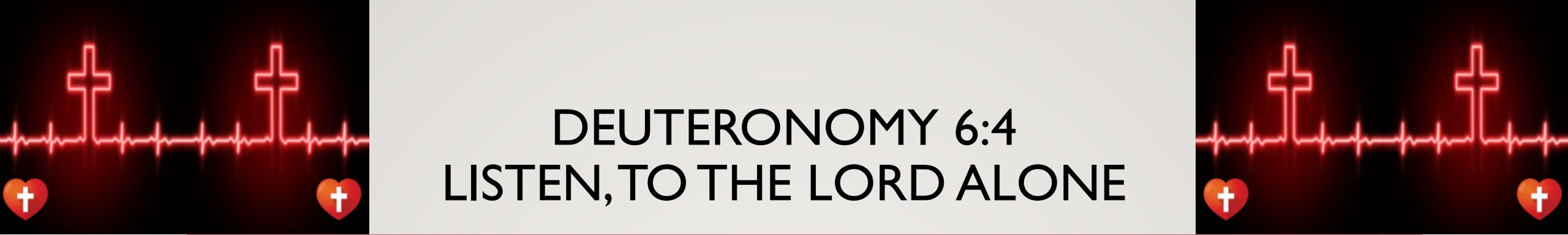




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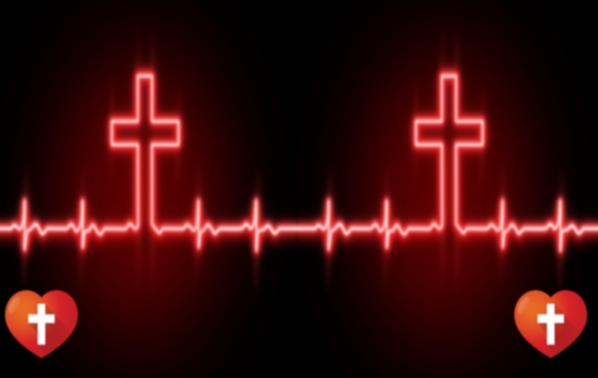
Then the man said, “**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel**, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” (Gen 32:28, NIV)





DEUTERONOMY 6:4
LISTEN, TO THE LORD ALONE

- But he is **unchangeable** [עֶהָאָד | 'eḥād], and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does. (Job 23:13, ESV)
 - “But He is **unique** [עֶהָאָד | 'eḥād], and who can turn Him? And what His soul desires, that He does. (Job 23:13, NASB)
 - But he stands **alone** [עֶהָאָד | 'eḥād] and who can dissuade him? What he desires, that he does. (Job 23:13, NRSV)
 - He is **one** [עֶהָאָד | 'eḥād]; who can dissuade Him? Whatever He desires, He does. (Job 23:13, JPS 1985)
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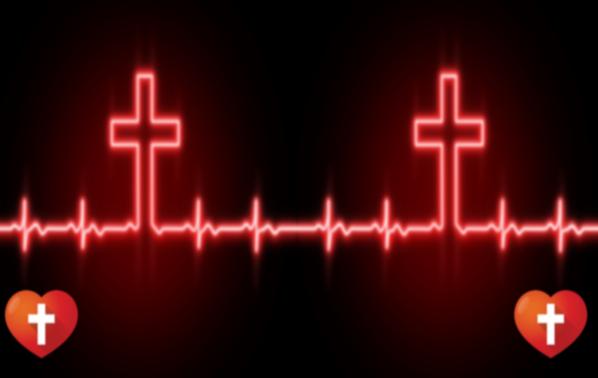


DEUTERONOMY 6:4
LISTEN, TO THE LORD ALONE



That is why a **man** leaves his father and mother and is **united to his wife**, and they become **one** [אֶחָד | *eḥād*], flesh. (Gen 2:24, NIV)





DEUTERONOMY 6:5
LOVE YHWH
WITH EVERYTHING



Love the LORD [YHWH] your God with
all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might. (Dt 6:5, AT)





DEUTERONOMY 6:5
BE DEVOTED TO YHWH
WITH EVERYTHING

12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD [YHWH] your God ask of you but to **fear** the LORD [YHWH] your God, to **walk in obedience to him**, to **love** him, to **serve** the LORD [YHWH] your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul**, 13 and to **observe the LORD [YHWH]'s commands and decrees** that I am giving you today **for your own good?** (Dt 10:12-13, NIV)



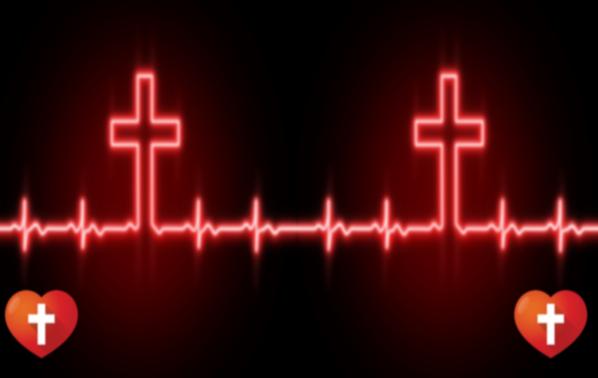


DEUTERONOMY 6:5
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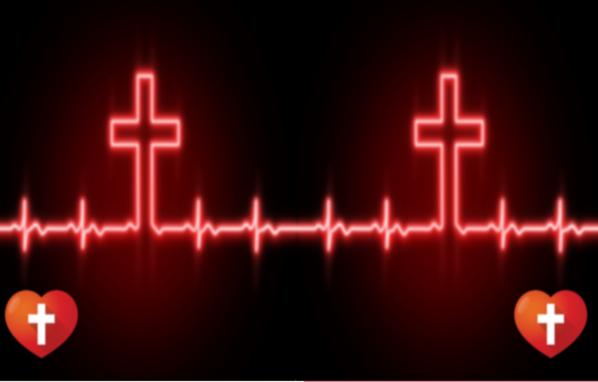


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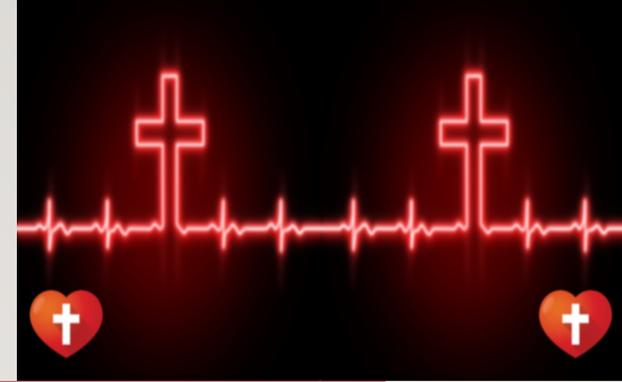


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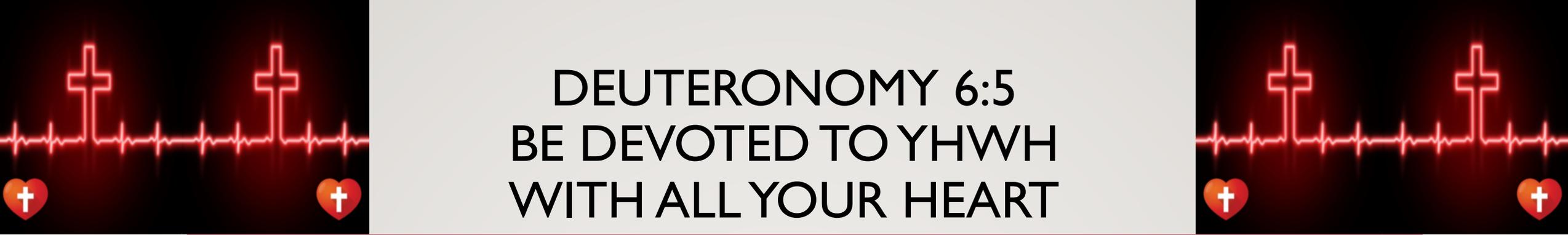
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If you love me, keep my commands.

(Jn 14:15, NIV)

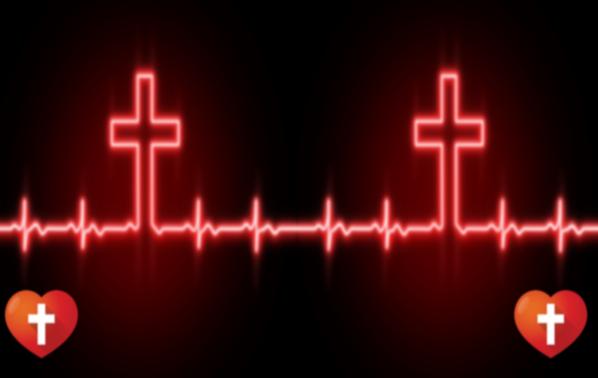




DEUTERONOMY 6:5
BE DEVOTED TO YHWH
WITH ALL YOUR HEART

So give your servant a **discerning heart** to **govern** your people and to **distinguish** between **right and wrong**. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” (1 Ki 3:9, NIV)



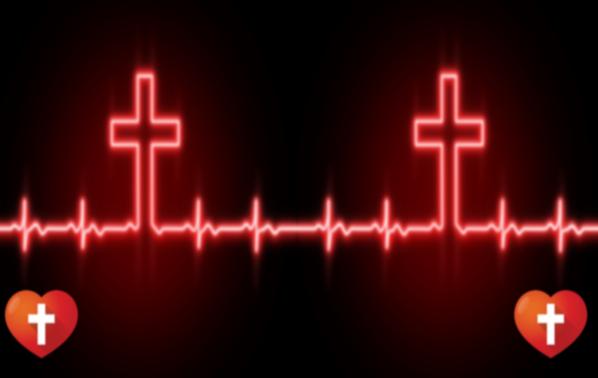


DEUTERONOMY 6:5
BE DEVOTED TO YHWH
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL



Then the LORD [YHWH] God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a **living being** [נֶפֶשׁ | *nepesh*]. (Gen 2:7, NIV)



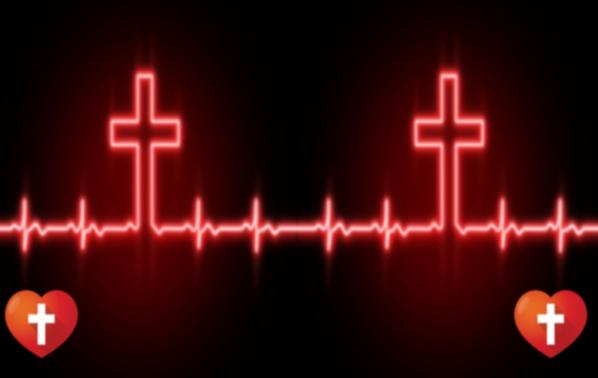


DEUTERONOMY 6:5
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Now the LORD [YHWH] God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each **living creature** [נֶפֶשׁ | *nepeš*], that was its name. (Gen 2:19, NIV)





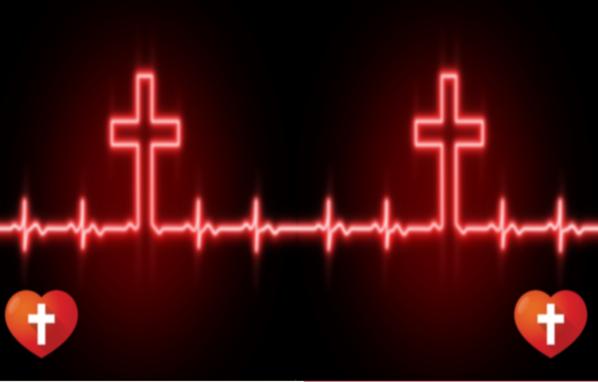
DEUTERONOMY 6:6
KNOW THE WORD
BY HEART



These words that I am commanding
you today are to be upon your heart.

(Dt 6:6, AT)



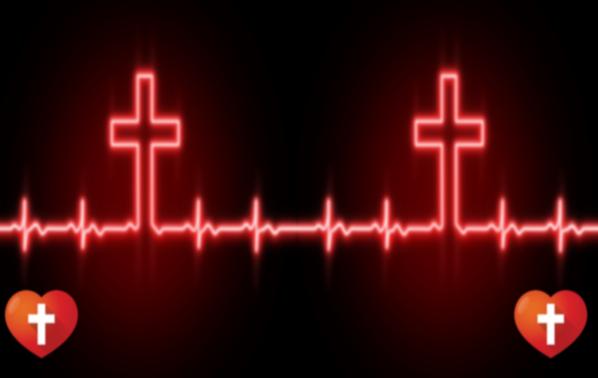


DEUTERONOMY 6:6
KNOW THE WORD
BY HEART



My son, **do not forget** my teaching,
but keep my commands in your **heart**,
(Pr 3:1, NIV)



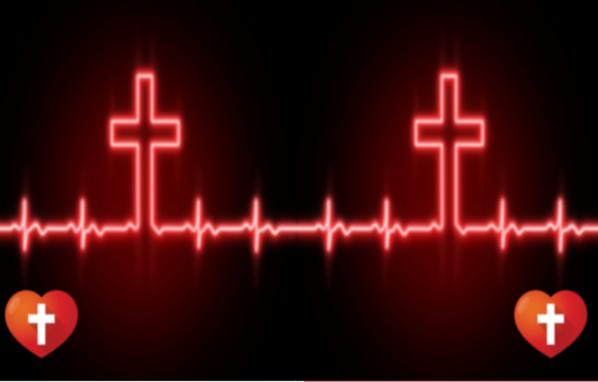


DEUTERONOMY 6:6
KNOW THE WORD
BY HEART



Thy word have I hid in **mine heart**,
that I **might not sin** against thee. (Ps 119:11, KJV)





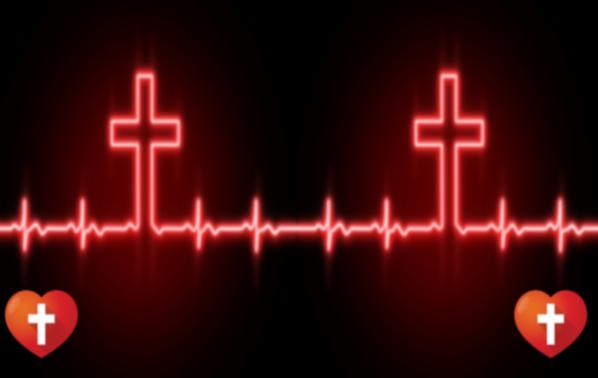
DEUTERONOMY 6:7
REPEAT/IMPRESS
THEM ON YOUR CHILDREN



Repeat them to your children.

(Dt 6:7a, AT)



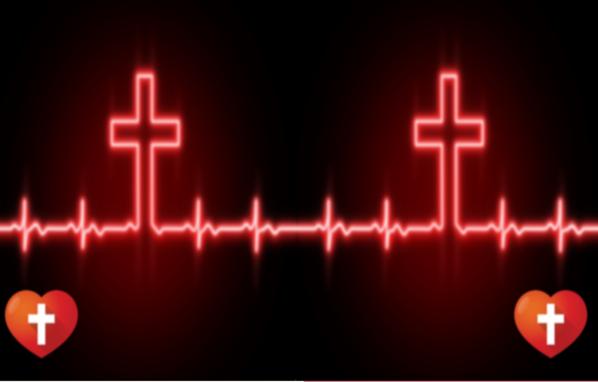


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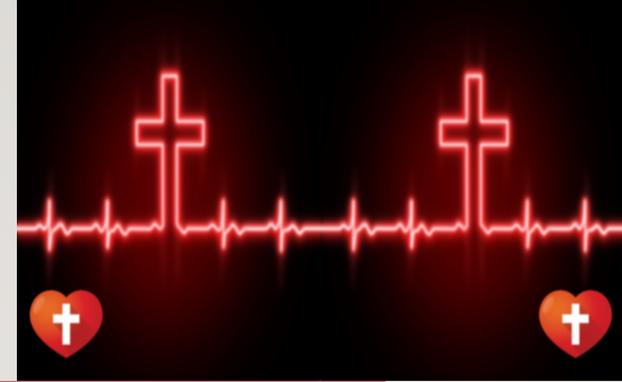


25 When you have had **children and children's children**, and **become complacent** in the land, if you act corruptly by making an idol in the form of anything, thus doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD [YHWH] your God, and provoking him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that you will soon **utterly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to occupy; you will not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.** (Dt 4:25-26, NRSV)



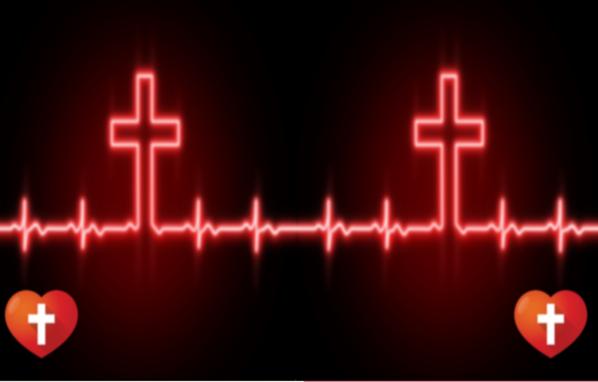


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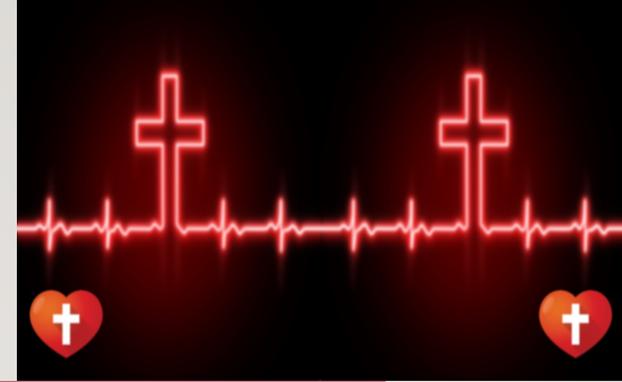


Keep his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding you today **for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you**, so that you may long remain in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving you for all time. (Dt 4:40, NRSV)



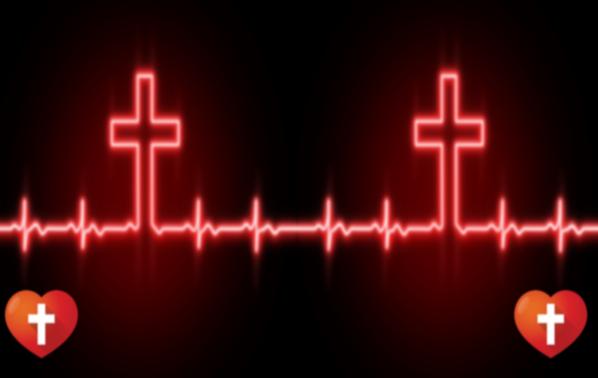


DEUTERONOMY 6:7
ALL THE TIME,
EVERYWHERE



And talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Dt 6:7b, AT)





DEUTERONOMY 6:8
SIGN AND
SYMBOL



And bind them as a sign on your hand,
and let them be as a symbol between
your eyes. (Dt 6:8, AT)





DEUTERONOMY 6:8
SIGN AND
SYMBOL

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; **bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.** (Pr 3:3, NIV)





DEUTERONOMY 6:8
SIGN AND
SYMBOL



**Bind them on your fingers; write
them on the tablet of your heart.
(Pr 7:3, NIV)**

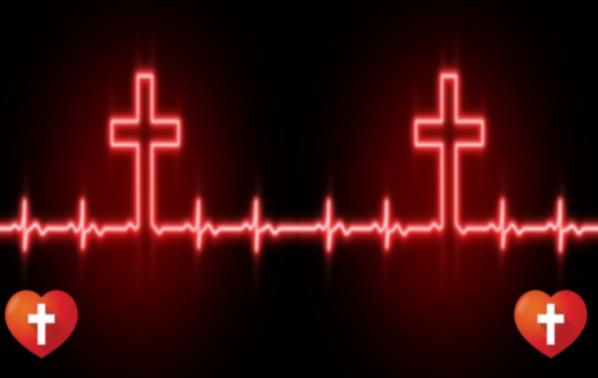




DEUTERONOMY 6:8
SIGN AND
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“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their **phylacteries** wide and the tassels on their garments long; (Mt 23:5, NIV)

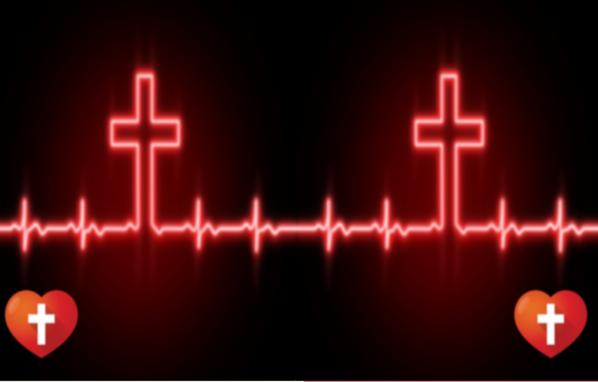




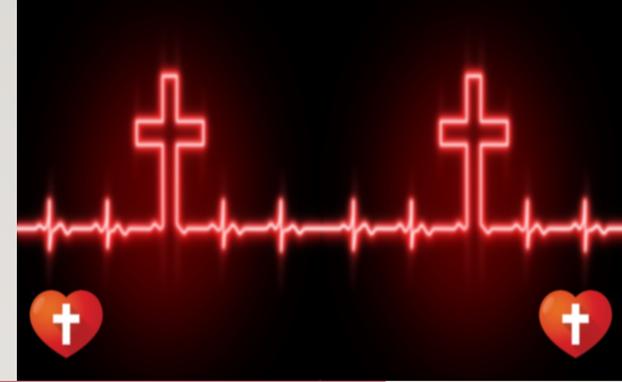
DEUTERONOMY 6:8
SIGN AND
SYMBOL



This observance will be for you like a **sign on your hand** and a **reminder on your forehead** that this law of the LORD [YHWH] is to be on your **lips**. For the LORD [YHWH] brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand. (Ex 13:9, NIV)



DEUTERONOMY 6:9
COME AND GO
WITH GOD



And write them on the
doorposts of your houses and on
your gates. (Dt 6:9, AT)

