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[Deuteronomy 30:9-20](#)

⁹ Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, ¹⁰ if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deuteronomy 30:9-20 NIV)

Consider & Discuss

1. Have you ever run out of gas in your car? What were the circumstances?
2. C.S. Lewis said, "You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body." Do you agree or disagree? Do you think of yourself primarily as a physical being or a spiritual being? Why?
3. What do you think are some of the signs of an empty soul?
4. How do you think the condition of your soul relates to your relationship with God?
5. Read [Deuteronomy 30:9-20](#). What strikes you about this passage? How does it affect your thinking about the fullness of your soul and your relationship with God?
6. What motivates you to follow God? Fear? Joy? Duty? Love? Guilt? Gratitude? Something else?
7. What suggestions do you have for how we can get to know God better?

Live It

1. Take some time to look at the "gauge" on your soul? Are you closer to full or empty?
2. What step(s) can you take to "fill the tank of your soul"?
3. Think of someone in your life who seems to be more empty than full spiritually. Pray for them, and ask God to give you an opportunity to help them to grow closer to Him.