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Stay True

Jeremiah 35:1-2, 5-8a, 17a, 18-19

How many of the traditions that you grew up with do you still observe in your own family today ? Chances are, you have changed some things. Some changes may have been brought about by cultural shifts, while others may have just been matters of personal preference.

What about in the spiritual realm ? If you were raised in a Christian home, have you drifted in your spiritual moorings, or have you determined to allow God's Word to give you direction in all that you endeavor ?

In today's lesson, we will examine how a family of nomads preserved their spiritual heritage and received God's blessings.

1. For what reason did God instruct Jeremiah to offer the Recabites wine ? (35:1-2)  
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2. What explanation did the Recabites give for their refusal to drink wine ? (35:6)  
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3. What additional prohibitions did Jonadab—the ancestor of the REcabites—give them ? (35:7)  
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4. How devout were the Recabites in their desire to remain faithful to the commands of their forefathers ? (35:8-10)  
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5. How did the Lord compare the Recabites with the inhabitants of Judah ? (35:16)  
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6. What does 35:17-19 say about how the way God would respond to :
  - a) Judah ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b) The Recabites ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What do you believe today's passage is saying to the modern Christian church as a whole ?  
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PERSONAL APPLICATION

How would you compare your family's religious convictions with those of the average family in our society in this day and age ?

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How can a person (or family) be a model for both the present and future generations to follow ?

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Can you think of any religious groups—Christian or not—to be admired for their **devotion** (disregarding their theology and practice). What steps can you take to become a more devoted Christian ?

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