



SERIES: NEW BEGINNINGS

Subseries: Yahweh Dwells

Lesson: Yahweh, Yahweh (Exodus 34)

Opening: Would you be satisfied with a Jesusless heaven for all of eternity?

An Outline of Tonight's Text:

- A Disastrous Word (33 vv. 1-6)
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Biblical Description:	Theological Meaning:
Yahweh, Yahweh (The Tetragrammaton)	The Self-Existent, Powerful Promise-Keeper
Merciful	Biblical mercy responds to the pain, misery, and neediness of others (even our enemies) with compassion instead of indifference. It's compassion in action.
Gracious	God loves to give generous gifts to undeserving people. "Grace is more than just leniency and unconditional acceptance. Divine grace is God's relentless and loving pursuit of His enemies, who are unthankful, unworthy, and unlovable. Grace is not just God's ability to save sinners, but God's stubborn delight in His enemies." – Preston Sprinkle
Slow to Anger	God is "long of nose" (patient) with those who sin; however, His anger when kindled is a just response to sinfulness motivated by His heart for justice.
Abounding in Steadfast Love	<i>Hesed</i> – Loyal Love and Generosity. It often denotes a committed, relational love between God and His covenant people.
Faithfulness	God is completely and wholly trustworthy. God is faithful, and you can always trust Him.
Does Not Clear the Guilty (Just)	God sees all injustice in His creation, and He will one day call it to account. He will ensure that justice will roll down like mighty waters (Amos 5:24).

FINAL TAKEAWAYS:

01

Beware of Creating a God in Your Own Image

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Unlike Moses, You Will See God Face to Face

03

Pursue God Himself, Not Just His Help

04

Don't Settle for the Gifts Without the Giver

Life Group Questions:

- 1) Remember to open your life group with a time to “preach” to each other.
- 2) What aspect of tonight’s lesson was new, challenging, confusing, or convicting to you?
- 3) Would you be satisfied with a Jesusless heaven
 - Which parts of the opening thought experiment most challenged you?
 - What does your honest gut reaction reveal about what your heart treasures most?
- 4) Gifts vs. Giver
 - In your current season of life (career, relationships, goals), where do you feel most tempted to pursue God’s blessings more than God’s presence?
 - What would it look like to recalibrate your heart in that area? How could you focus more on the Giver than His gifts to you?
- 5) When God Feels “Outside the Camp”
 - Israel experienced a painful picture when God’s presence moved outside the camp (Ex. 33:7–11).
 - Have you ever gone through a season where God felt distant? What contributed to that feeling, and how did God meet you in it?
- 6) Understanding God’s Character
 - Exodus 34:6–7 is one of the clearest self-descriptions of God in Scripture. Which attribute (mercy, grace, patience, steadfast love, faithfulness, or justice) do you most need to meditate on / study / live in light of in this season, and why?
- 7) Mercy and Justice Held Together
 - Why do you think modern Christians often want to emphasize either God’s mercy or His justice, but struggle to hold both together like God does?
 - How does Jesus uniquely reveal the fullness of both?

Close by sharing prayer requests / praying as a group.