



Sermon Questions

January 19, 2025 | Scripture: *Exodus 3:1-15* (The Encounter)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 3.

Core Questions

1. In verses 6-10, God reveals his awareness of Israel's suffering and announces his plan to deliver them. What does God's response to Israel's oppression in these verses teach us about God's character and His commitment to His people?
2. The presence of God is problematic for Moses as a sinner. God instructs him to remove his sandals, that he is on holy ground, and in return Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look at God. Have you reckoned with this problem in your own life? When have you removed your sandals and hidden your face in awe at God?
3. Moses responds to God's call with self-doubt. Where, like Moses, are you tempted to fixate on your own inadequacies rather than God's sufficiency when called to serve?
4. Look at the quotation below from Pascal, cited by Pastor Ryan in the sermon. This intense joy comes from seeing how Jesus give us the privilege of his presence, this same holy God now come close. Have you reckoned with this profound privilege?

Inward Grace in Action

5. Do you instinctively tend to see God's presence as a problem, or as a privilege? What might this tell you about your own theological blind spots?

Outward Grace in Action

6. Consider prayerfully reminding yourself before entering hard situations that for you, a beloved sinner, as for Moses, 'I AM has sent me.' How might this impact you as you walk in to home, work, and other contexts?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these
Scriptures:

Genesis 15
1 Samuel 3:1-21
Isaiah 6
Acts 9
Revelation 5:1-14

Serve: Proclaim the
Word of the Lord as a
Scripture reader on
Sunday morning, reach
out to

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Pray: Pray that you
would be able to
encounter God through
his Word and prayer,
and that you would be
emboldened to share
his name.

FIRE. GOD of Abraham, GOD of Isaac, GOD of Jacob, not of the philosophers and of the learned. Certitude. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace. GOD of Jesus Christ. My God and your God. Your GOD will be my God. Forgetfulness of the world and of everything, except GOD. He is only found by the ways taught in the Gospel. Grandeur of the human soul. Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you. Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy...

Found stitched into the lining of the coat of Blaise Pascal after his death