

Week 11: “Let’s Get Ready To Go”

1. READ

Pastor Watley’s Scripture: Exodus 33:1-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Lord said to Moses, “Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will give it.’² I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, or I would consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

Other Scripture References

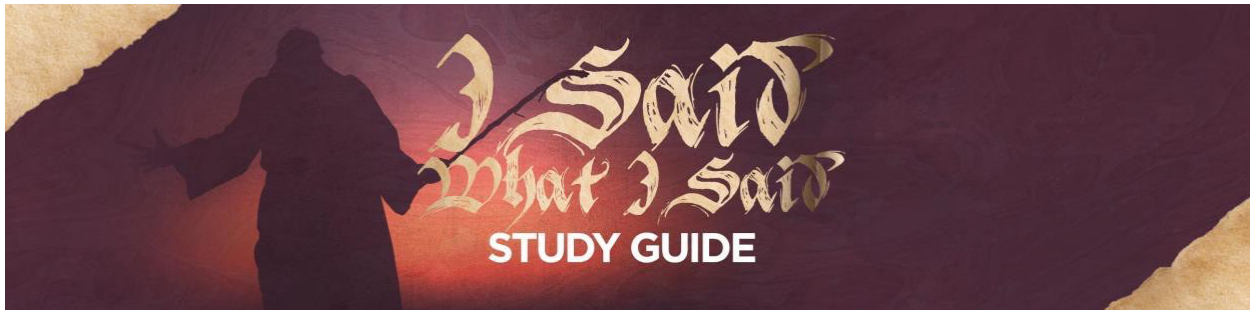
Romans 12:2 New King James Version (NKJV)

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Exodus 34: 10-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰ He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

¹¹ Observe what I command you today. See, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ¹² Take care not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you are going, or it will become a snare among you. ¹³ You shall tear down their altars, break their pillars, and cut down their sacred poles ¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, because the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)



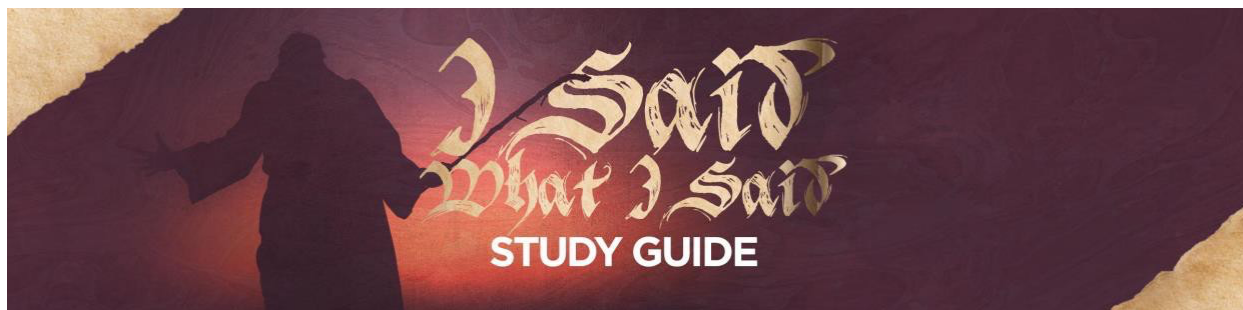
Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Exodus 33 & 34 The Entire Chapter

2. REFLECT

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We are continuing in our series from Pastor Watley entitled “I Said What I Said” as we study the life, legacy, mission and ministry of Moses. This is week 11 of the series and today’s sermon title is “Let’s Get Ready To Go”. Pastor Watley preaches from the 33rd chapter of the book of Exodus God. In this chapter God is telling the people of Israel that it is time to “get ready to leave”. They have been in the wilderness for a year and now need to get ready to transition into the land that God had purpose them. Pastor Watley is encouraging us to know that even though this year has been long and has been hard that change and transition is on the way. Pastor points out that even though it is time to “get ready” this “get ready” was still days away from this moment. The people still had stuff to do and things to prepare. As a result of this time of preparing Pastor asks us these three questions that we should also answer as we get ready to transition.



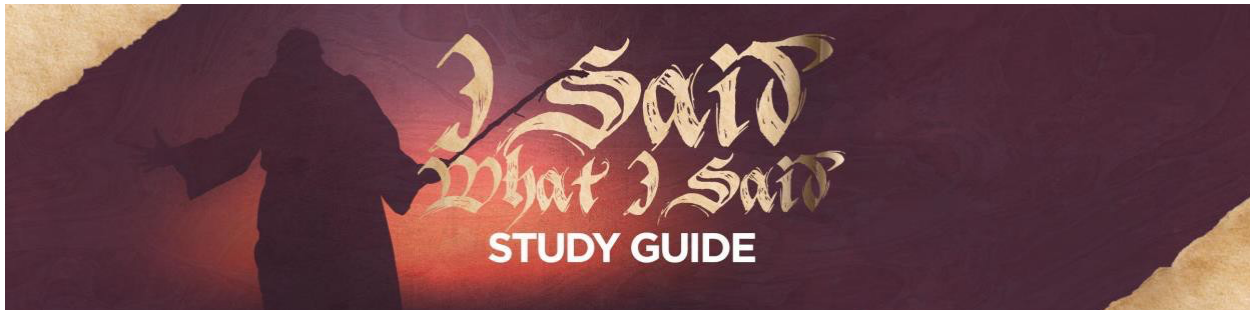
3 Questions:

1. What will I continue?
2. What will I discontinue?
3. What will I do that's new?

As children of God, we need to think through; what is valuable? What is no longer productive? And Where do I need to innovate? These questions and others like them will help us to ensure that we don't simply go into a new place but that we go into this new place or new season better. Pastor charges us to know that God is expecting for us not to only make it to the new season but make it to that new season better. Brothers and Sisters this all hinges on our ability to prepare now for what is coming later.

The blessing in this scripture, which Pastor reminds us, is that God in this chapter is still looking for ways to connect with His children even though they don't deserve it. It was only a chapter or two ago that the children of Israel tried to replace God with a golden image and yet God's covenant with them still remains. Pastor Watley tells us that this has nothing to do with their righteousness but instead with God's resilience. God was so resilient that He told Moses to go and create two new tablets because, Moses broke the last two. Once Moses created the new tablets God then wrote the same commands as before, because God "Said what He Said". The point here is that God wanted them and us to know that it doesn't matter what we do or what we think about what God says that when He speaks, He will stick and stay with His Word. This law was important because it was given not to limit life but to create and keep God's covenant with His children.

Moses and Aaron are still included after the chapter that they tried to replace God but God is always going to see the value in our relationship even when we don't see the value. Pastor Watley used a \$20 dollar as an example of it keeping it's worth. Our worth to God is the same and even more valuable.



3. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï What will I continue?
- ï What will I discontinue?
- ï What will I do that's new?

Discussion Questions

- ï How do you think Aaron felt to know that he was still counted in the number to go into the promise land?
- ï How do you think the children of Israel felt to see the new tablets written again by God for them?