The Name
The God who reveals Himself part 2 Exodus 34:5-7

[5] Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. [6] And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, [7] keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty,* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." Pray

Today is part 2 of our Deep Dive series in the book of Exodus –

A)THE NAME: Where God reveals himself to Moses on MT Siani - By proclaiming his name.

B)The big idea we are going to see in Today's revelation is this:

- **God's patience is greater than our failures,**
- **His goodness greater than our unworthiness,**
- **His faithfulness greater than our uncertainties.**

A.W. Tozer declared in his masterful Book - The Knowledge of the Holy "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

Your view of God will determine everything else about your life

A)Our View of God is meant to Shape how we live –

B)it will shape what we think is important what we make our priorities

1)How we treat other people is all be connected to our view of God

C)Our hopes and dreams will be shaped by our views of God

D)Tozer is right "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

The God Who Reveals Himself prt 2

A)What makes this Revelation of God so fascinating

B)Is The backdrop of God's self-revelation is not Israel's obedience but Israel's rebellion

C)Their sin with the golden calf!

D)So Israel's failure became the backdrop for one of the greatest revelations of God's character.

E)Where God reveals not merely what He does but who He is.

Israel's sin with the golden calf – took place 40 days after Vowing to God that they were all in –

A)Ready to follow his Covenant

B)40 days later They Commit Spiritual adultery.

C)Now just to put that in Context that we can understand-

Imagine 40 days after your wedding your spouse commits adultery

A)How would you feel – Betrayed, Angry for sure- maybe Vengeful / Taken advantage of

B)On the heels of that – seeing your spouse face to face – what would you say? –
1)What would you want them to know about you?

C)I think our natural expectation after Israel's rebellion is that God would reveal himself –
1)As a Holy and Righteous Judge

D)The Sovereign King and all powerful one
1)The God who hates rebellion and sin

E)All of that would be true statements about who God is

1) But that is not what he focuses on

Remember how we got here: After the rebellion –

A)Moses comes down from the MT to deal with the Mess – 3,000 die that day

B)The People repent – turn back to the Lord –
1)God promises again that he will lead them in to the promise land

C)Everything seems like it is back on track –
1)and yet - Moses asked God for one more thing:

D)We want to say Moses take the Win Bro!!!
1)Moses is bold – he is Hungry – experienced God – wants MORE

E)Lord can I see your Glory? WOW! – More of you God

God says no man can see my glory and live!

A)But I am going to hide you in the cleft of the Rock – see my backside – the afterglow of my glory

B)And I will allow my Goodness to pass by you – and I will proclaim my name to you

C)Don't miss this: God's Glory is connected to his Goodness and his name!

D)What God chooses to Reveal about himself and his Character after Israel's rebellion is fascinating

I am the Lord Yahweh – Covenant Relationship –

A)I am here and I am yours – and you our mine

B)On the heels of their rebellion the first thing that God wants them to know about him

1)is that he is still committed to him

C)Then he declares that he is Merciful = compassionate – He feels the pain that we feel –

1)he understands the struggles that we face –

D)He is acutely aware of human frailty and weakness!

Then he declares that he is gracious:

A)He loves bestowing favor on us that we don't deserve and cannot earn

B)Today we come to the next 3 Characteristics that God reveals about himself

C)He is Longsuffering / He abounds in Goodness – And He abounds in truth

He is Longsuffering - His Patience Is Greater Than Our Failures

A) Hebrew: longsuffering, literally "long of nostrils," means slow to anger.

B)Heard of a Hot head – Quick tempered -

C)Before my dad became a Christian – he was quick tempered – nostrils would flare got mad.

1)He could look at you – knew that look – I am in trouble

D)I have been told – I have that Kind of face too- Not smiling people think I am upset with them

The Bible does speak of God's anger and Wrath –

A)But we must understand that God's anger is different from ours

B))Human Anger is Reactive: Our anger is typically triggered by an unexpected external events,

C)An insult – a bruised ego – cuts us off in traffic –

D)At work some's negligence blows a deadline – we REACT in Anger to those type of situation

E)We use terms like flying off the handle – uncontrolled outburst – tantrums

But God's Anger is not Reactive

A)Because God is eternal, all-knowing, and unchanging, nothing ever catches Him by surprise.

B)So His anger is not a sudden loss of control, an emotional spike, tantrum.

1)Instead, it is a deliberate, consistent and controlled moral response against evil and rebellion

Righteous Anger: A morally right response to wrong
If there was no response – Something wrong w/ U

A)**But here God reveals himself as Longsuffering or Slow to Anger –**

B)God's anger is delayed because He is giving people room to repent to turn from their sin

Remember when God called Jonah to go to Nineveh

A)Jonah didn't want to go remember why? He wasn't scared: He wasn't too tired

B)He said this – I didn't want to come here – Because I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. Jonah 4:2

C)God I know you are too loving and too forgiving – and I just really wanted you to kill all of those people.

Imagine if Greg Laurie reacted that way:

A)I want you to put on a Harvest Crusade fill Angel stadium – preach Gospel – 10,000's saved

B))Greg said: I don't want to do that – I would rather you sent them all to Hell!

C)Jonah knew if they repented – you would forgive them – they did repent and God did forgive them

Think about how Longsuffering Jesus was with all the Disciples

A)Rebuking parents – get your kids away from Jesus

B)Always Arguing about who was the greatest

C)Patient with them but especially patient with Peter – foot in his mouth MT of Transfiguration

1)Jesus mentions Cross – Peter pulls him aside – don't talk like that - **Get behind me Satan -**

D)How many of us would have been tempted to say to Peter – Dude you are out man – fired -
1)done with you– too much trouble -

Night before the Cross – Jesus is washing feet

A)Not washing my feet….. bath ☺

B)Is this guy ever going to get it! ☺

C)Right after that – they head to the Garden – guards come – Peter whips out his Sword in the garden – cuts off an ear

1)Peter put away your sword – not time for that

D)Jesus covers his blunder: Puts the ear back on – heals the guy right there

1)How did they still arrest him??? ☺

Then Peter follows at a Distance – in the courtyard – see the mock trial going on –

A)"You are one of his disciples – Denies 3X

B)Even After the Cross and Rez – they don't know where Jesus is seen him – waiting ….

C)I am going fishing – giving up on this ministry stuff – going to go fishing

1)Going back to what I do well – others join him

D))Jesus meets him on the beach and forgives him and commissions him

E) Jesus continued to shape a disciple who repeatedly stumbled (John 21)

We definitely see God's Longsuffering Character in the story of the Prodigal son

A)I want my inheritance now – Wish you were dead – super disrespectful

B)Dad grants it – the son goes and spend all his money on wild living

1)Famine pig pen senses – Blew it big time – going home

C)Not worthy to be a son – but can I be a servant ?

When he was a long way off – Dad was praying and watching – Dad comes running out to him!

A)Unexpected - Mom is ball gown dad in a tux

B)Throws his arms around him – welcomes him back

C) The prodigal son expected to find a reluctant father at home .

1)Instead, he encountered an overflowing love that welcomed him home.

App We often measure God's willingness to receive us by how disappointed we are in ourselves.

A))**But God's Longsuffering is not measured by our feelings of unworthiness.**

B))God is longsuffering, so we can take heart

1)knowing that our failures are not the end of our story with Him."

C)God is longsuffering, so our repeated failures never exhaust His patience toward us."

Abounding in Goodness

A)Goodness is The Hebrew word *hesed* describes God's steadfast love, covenant loyalty, and faithful kindness.

B) Steadfast speaks of a Love that does not change with circumstances.

Human love can be so fickle – based on circumstances –

A)We love people when they make us happy, but struggle to love them when they disappoint us.

B)When someone meets our expectations, we're affectionate, generous, and kind.

C)But when they let us down, our affection can quickly turn to frustration or resentment.

D)We can enjoy someone's friendship for years, but one disagreement about politics,
1)theology, or a personal decision can suddenly change how we feel about them.

We love people when they are doing well, but distance ourselves when they're struggling.

A)When loving them is going to cost us

Reminded of the story of older couple – call them Joe and Sally Harrison – Older couple

B)Joe was having some physical issues – really bad shape – They went to the doctor – check up

C)Doctor said there were some serious issues elevated heart rate and overall poor health. –
1)Very Out of shape

After the check up – the Doctor asked if he could speak to Mrs Harrison alone –

A)So Joe went to wait in the car

B)The Dr. told Sally "Your husband is suffering from a very rare and severe disorder, combined with horrible stress.

C)He said I think we can save him but it is going to take about 6 months

D)But If you don't do the following, he will most likely die in probably 3 months

He has to start eating more healthy – all his meals

A)"Every day - you must fix him a healthy hearty breakfast/ lunch and dinner

B)**You can't argue with him – you have to be pleasant –**
1)you can't say or do anything that would cause his heart rate to spike

C)He can't do any chores –
1)And Don't discuss any of your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse."

D)If you can do that for the next 6-8 months make it/ if not die in around 3 months

Sally was perplexed – not sure if she could handle all that – took her time getting back to the car

A)When She got back to the car and sat down Joe could tell she was visibly upset –

B)Honey what is wrong – what did the Doctor say: You only have about 3 months to live

C)That is an extreme example of Human love

D)God's love is Steadfast

1)Psalm 136 repeats that His mercy (steadfast love) endures forever 26 times.

E))God doesn't just possess goodness – or steadfast love, covenant loyalty and faithful kindness –

1)Those Characteristics are at the core of who He is!

Note: He doesn't just Possess goodness or Steadfast love, Loyalty faithful kindness –

A)HE ABOUNDS IN IT – Overflows – never stops

B)Whenever I read that word Abounds – I always think of Niagara Falls

Famous Waterfall Border of NY / Canada

B)This morning I want to give you a mental image of God's steadfast love loyalty and faithfulness abounding towards you – Video

C)Listen to that Roar! – God's Roar today I love you I am for you

1)My heart is overflowing toward you

Note to Marc - Cut the sound: - But keep the waterfall

Consider this: An estimated 65 billion gallons of water cascade over Niagara Falls every day

A)That works out to approximately: 3.1 billion gallons per hour

B)52 million gallons per minute/ 870,000 gallons per second- How much is 65 Billion gallons?

C)Is 65 billion gallons of water enough to fill up the Rose Bowl in Pasadena

1)from the field to the top bleachers ? Way more

D)Fill it 10 times ?– No problem –

E)65 billion gallons of water would fill the Rose Bowl from top to bottom over 400 times

Let that stick in your mind – think about God's love and Goodness – Hesed – abounding toward you.

A)Overflowing toward you

B)Psalm 36:5 His Love is deeper than the deepest ocean – Pacific ocean deepest in the world near Guam

1)Over 36,000 ft deep – 6.8 miles deep

C)Context Mt Everest is just over 29,000 ft high – Or 5.5 miles high

1)God's love for us is More than that!

B)Psalm 36:5 — His (hesed) reaches to the heavens: love beyond our measuring.

C)PSALM 100:5 [5] For the LORD is good, and his faithful love (hesed) endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.

God's Goodness is ultimately seen in the Cross

[8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

A)**God wasn't waiting for us to clean ourselves up or get our act together**

He sent Jesus to save us – when we were at our worst

[4] But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, [5] not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

B)**Not just Salvation – but heirs of eternal life – Abundant life in Jesus**

C)And even though Our love for God may rise and fall,

1)but His steadfast love is anchored in His unchanging character.

D)God abounds in goodness, so we never have to wonder whether His arms are open to receive us.

1)"God abounds in goodness, so we can approach Him with confidence rather than hesitation."

One more today: He not only abounds in Goodness – Hesed – Steadfast love and kindness

A)He also abounds in truth – His Faithfulness Is Greater Than Our Uncertainties

B)Truth is The Hebrew word *'emet* carries the ideas of, reliability, trustworthiness, and faithfulness.

- **It means that God is completely dependable.**

C)God has a proven track record of faithfulness in the lives of his people.

In uncertain times we can forget that God is faithful

A)Uncertain times can be confusing –

B)Been Counseling right now with a young man in his 30's wife and two kids out of work – since June –

C)He has applied for over 100 jobs – can't get hired surviving on side work

D)Currently took a job making minimum wage just to have something

E)He had built up a nice savings- that he is having to use to survive –
1)He is so worried about losing his house

I have known him a long time and I have been walking through this with him
A)Reminding him of all the times God has been faithful to get him through the uncertain times

B) Think about all the times where God has proven his faithfulness to you

C)It is Scary – looking at losing everything he has worked so hard to build.
1)Constant reminder will be faithful this time too. Even if you lose the house ‘

There are so many stories like this in the Bible that we could point to that illustrate this point
A)I want to focus on Joseph

B)Joseph’s story is a remarkable one for illustrating God’s faithfulness

C))Joseph is sold into slavery at 17 by his jealous brothers

He is carted off to Egypt where he is sold to an Egyptian official named Potiphar
A)Joseph doesn’t throw a pity party and sit and sulk because of his misfortune

B) Instead he seeks makes the most of the opportunity – Serves faithfully
1)Promoted time and time again – Becomes Potiphar’s most trusted servant

Watch over his wife!
A)Potiphar’s wife gets the hots for Joseph –

B)She repeatedly tries to seduce him – Joseph refuses her advances

C)He could have rationalized God has abandoned me – no one will ever know.

D))But he stayed true – He trusted that God – had a plan

Potiphar’s wife doesn’t like being rejected – one day she grabs Joseph – Sex with me – Runs out of his…
A)She uses that opportunity to accuse Joseph of an attempted sexual assault

B)Though innocent - Joseph innocent ends up in Jail
1)His word against a Nobleman’s wife

C)Again not complaining – not mad at God – Make the best of this situation – trusting God is faithful

D)Ends up being over all of the prisoners -

He has a gift from God to interpretation of dreams –

A)Pharaoh has a dream no one can interpret – Joseph is called

B)He interprets the dream and comes up with a plan to save Egypt during 7 years of famine that are coming

C) He ends up as 2nd in Command over the whole empire

Then Because of the famine his brothers who sold him into slavery 13 years prior have to go to Egypt to buy grain

A)They have to stand before Joseph –

B)But they don't recognize him because he is older now and looks like an Egyptian

C)When he finally reveals himself to them – they are afraid that he is going to take vengeance on them

D)But Joseph now sees what God was doing: What you intended for evil God has turned to good in order to save many.

Such an Amazing Story – But I can guarantee you that if Joseph was writing the story of his life

A)That is not the way he would have wrote it – No way

B)But in the end he could look back and see the faithfulness of God throughout his whole life

That is the thing about God's faithfulness – It is built on Word – His promises and his proven track record

A)And you know why we can trust the faithfulness of God?

B)God's Ultimate faithfulness is revealed in Jesus Christ

C)Jesus was faithful to the Mission – 300 prophecies fulfilled in his first coming – birth/death/ Rez

He faithfully endured the cross Hebrews 12 Joy …

A)**He is faithful to Forgive and to Cleanse 1 John 1:9**

B)He is faithful to his promises 2 Corinthians 1:20

C)He was faithful to not leave us Orphans John 14
1)Sent the Holy Spirit

D)He is faithful to always be with us – not leave or forsake…Hebrews 13:5

And He will be faithful to return Revelation 22:20

2 Timothy 2:13 — "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

B)His Faithfulness is not based on your ability to hang on to Him –
1)But HIS ABILITY to hold on to YOU!

C)learned today: THE NAME part 2

God is more patient than we imagine, more loving than we deserve, and more faithful than we can comprehend.

- Because God is **longsuffering**, our failures don't have to define us.
- His patience assures us that He hasn't given up on us.

Because God abounds in goodness, our fears don't have to keep us from Him.

A)His goodness assures us that His heart is always inclined toward us.

B)Because God abounds in faithfulness, our circumstances don't have to shake our confidence in Him.

C)His faithfulness assures us that His promises will never fail us