Exodus 34:1-35
When God gives a Do Over

And the Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. 2 So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. 3 And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."

4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

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

Now if you were to follow me on Social media – you would discover that I don't post very much – maybe once a twice a week.
A)But another thing that you would discover is I am pretty passionate about my family – post about the most

B)Denise and I – the grand kids

C)And one of the things I really enjoy is watching my grandson – play basketball – 2 leagues right now.

In the one league his team is in the plays for the championship.
A)He is the youngest on his team just turned 9 - 3rd grade- a little on the smaller side. But he has skills

B)Last Saturday his team played in the Semi final game of the playoffs – he had 10 of his teams 32 points
1)and made the shot that sent the game OT – So proud

C)There were two plays he made on defense going for a steal where the opposing players crashed into him and fell to the ground – crying

D)Denise was like oh No – I am like good job Josiah way to be aggressive
1) I always tell him – You get 5 fouls – Denise – don't tell him that

I don't just like watching Josiah play – I like playing with him – we play horse and pig a lot outside and in the house.
A)He hates to lose – So his Favorite saying – when he misses – is Do over

B)A Do over is when you pretend that the miss never happened

C)In golf they call that a Mulligan – I love Mulligan's in golf

I grew up playing golf with my dad – I would Shank a shot – and he would throw down a another ball and say take a mulligan
A)That shot didn't count! Really? Awesome ! – I scored pretty well taking Mulligans –

B)Problem is life doesn't give Mulligans – Police officers – rare – do over

C)Your boss – you mess up – not a Do-over! Probably get a warning or a get written up

God loves to give Do overs – but his Do overs are different
A)God isn't one to say: Ok lets just pretend like that never happened –

B)No he would say – Ok that happened – that was Horrible – that is the Reality – But we are going to move forward as if it didn't happen

C)I am going to give you a clean slate and I can do something that you can't do and that is put your sin of my Memory / Forgive/ Forget

That is what God is doing here in Exodus 34 – He is giving the people of Israel a Do over.
A)Let's recall how we got here: Israel at Mt Siani - camped out

B)God established a Covenant with his people – Love them and lead them and be their God –

C)He declared wonderful promises to them of things he would do with them and for them.

D)He gave them some conditions and responsibilities in this Covenant
1)He said – I am going to do this for you – IF YOU DO XYZ

E)Israel responded enthusiastically – All that you have said – we will do
1)All in

God calls Moses up to the top of MT Sinai to meet with him – Moses is gone 40 days

A)The people start to panic – what happened to our leader? Gone – what are we going to do?

B)Aaron make us a god. – Gold earings – Golden Calf – this is your god …

C)People respond by throwing a huge party – and engaging in gross sexual immorality

God sends Moses down to deal with it. – Breaks the Tablets of stone – sign that the Covenant was broken

A)Because of their rebellion – 3,000 of the Israelites end up being killed

B)But the people repent – and they turn to the Lord

C)God Forgives them – and then Moses asked God a remarkable request
Show me your glory
1)Can't – It would kill you

But then God says: Come up tomorrow – bring two new stones - I will allow my Goodness to pass by and I will proclaim my name to you.

A)Hide you in the Cleft of the Rock – Backside – my afterglow

B)God was saying something profound there – My Glory is connected to my goodness – and it is connected to my name

C)That is where Chapter 34 begins – God is giving Israel a Do over
1)reset

Moses comes up on the MT with the two stone tablets
A)We see that this time he was to come alone – remember last time Joshua and some of the other Elders – came up part way.

B)This time it is just Moses –

C)We read there in V.5 that God descended on the Mt – and God proclaims his name to Moses

D)Focus of our Sunday morning DEEP DIVES – The Name –
1)This incredible revelation of who God is

Exodus 34:6-7 is the most quoted passage in all of the OT
A)Revelation of who God is – The LORD – covenant name – relationship

B)Merciful or Compassionate, Gracious – Longsuffering with us – so patient – abounding in goodness – not a little – abounds
1)Abounding in Goodness and truth = faithfulness – {This Sunday

C)Keeping mercy for 1,000's – His mercy goes a long way –
1)Forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin

What is the difference between those three?
A)Transgression is outright rebellion – think No Trespassing – but you do it anyway. Speed limit – you willfully ignore it

B)Sin is missing the mark – Sin is what happens when – our flesh gets the best of us – Anger comes out – a Swear word – examples of sin

C)Iniquity is when we live in our rebellion

The beauty of God is he can and does forgive all of it! – Not just the little mis steps – Hey I know you didn't meant to blow up like that

A)I know that is not really your heart – I forgive you

B)He also forgives the outright rebellion – golden calf moments –

C)And he can forgive a whole long period of a lifestyle of sin and make us into a New person

D)When we come to him in Repentance of commit our lives to Jesus?

Now the last phrase of this Proclamation of his name has caused some confusion in the hearts of minds of many 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.".

The question is how can he be so gracious and merciful and forgiving but still not clear the guilty and instead visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.".

A)How does that all go together and make sense ?

B)For the answer to that question – you will have to join us for 4th study in our THE NAME series on Sunday morning 11/29

C)Hint: The Answer is found in Jesus

But for the rest of our time tonight as we move through this chapter – see 4 things

#1 The Response to God's Glory V.1-9
#2 The Re-establishing of God's Covenant V.10-16
#3 The Repetition of God's Requirement V.11-28
#4 The Result of being in the presence of God's glory V.29-35

#1 The Response to God's Glory

[8] So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. [9] Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

Moses is given this little glimpse of the Afterglow of God's glory

A)And his response - to bow down to the earth and Worship.

B)He bows so his first response is a move of Humility and reverence – To say: You are the King and I am not!

C)He made haste and bowed – His first response is quick – to bow – the response of being overwhelmed at his presence

Now

If Jesus showed up here tonight where we could see him in his glory.

A)Our first response would not be to high five him – Hey dude what's up

B)It probably wouldn't even be to run up to him and hug him.

C)Our first response to him would be to bow. – KING JESUS

And our 2nd response would be to Worship! –

A)To loudly and unashamedly declare his greatness!

B)One commentator put it this way: "Doctrine should lead to doxology. Great "theology" precedes and always should lead to Great Worship of our Great God as we bow in humble adoration and praise in awe of His exalted character."

B)Think of Paul's reaction after the greatest 11 chapters of doctrine and theology in the Bible (Romans 1-11)

C)Chapter after chapter of Unpacking the Doctrinal thesis of God and man and sin and salvation and Justification and Sanctification

D)He ends that section on Doctrine with these words:

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 *"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"*
35 *"Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"*

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33-36

So Moses first response is to Bow and Worship!

A)His 3rd response is to Desire more of God's presence If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people;

B)Now this is interesting because God has already promised – that he would go with them and before them

1)Moses is seeking reassurance of His presence and his forgiveness -
and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

C)The response to experiencing even a glimpse of the glory of God is we long for more of him.

It is always a good sign in your life that you are growing in Jesus when you are longing for more of him!

A)It is sort of like eating. One of our favorite places to go eat – at least for me – is the Brazilian Steak house

B)Maybe once a year – if we get a gift card – expensive - $200 two pp

C)When I know we are going there: I don't eat all day – By the time we get there I am really hungry.

Some people snack all during the day so when dinner rolls around – not very hungry

A)Similar principle spiritually – when we are snacking on things that feed our flesh all the time –

B)It diminishes our Spiritual appetite. But when we starve the flesh – our appetite and Hunger for Jesus grows

C)That takes discipline: But it starts with Desire:
4 "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." Psalm 27:4

D)Desire led to pursuit = John the B – I need to decrease …. Increase =

Desire has to result in a discipline of the Flesh.

[24] Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. [25] And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. [26] Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. [27] But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

So we see Moses response to God's glory
#2 God re-establishes his Covenant

[10] And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* 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 this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. [12] Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. [13] But you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images [14] (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God), [15] lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and *one of them* invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, [16] and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.

Weddings are great – best seat in the house – with the Bride and groom
A)See every emotion – sometimes the trembling the little whispers

B)But sometimes when I am doing a Wedding and doing the Vows I wonder do they really know what they are saying.

C)Big Promises: Sometimes when people write their own vows – it is sweet but sometimes I think – that is so unrealistic

I think

D)You are going to discover in a very short time – what you just said is going to be a lot harder to carry out than you realize
1)Why I interlace the Vows I do – with the person of the HS –

E)Essentially saying: I know that the only way I am going to be able to even come close to keeping this promise

1)is with the HS working in and through my life

But Weddings are great – but you know what I like just as much? Are VOW renewals

A)Vow renewals are awesome because you have this couple of have been together a long time.

B)They have been through stuff – storms – and trials –

C)They know the good the bad and the ugly about one another – and yet they still want to stand up before family and friends

1)And pledge their loves to one another – Make promises for the next 25 or 50 yrs LOVE IT

In a similar way that is what God is doing here:

A)He has seen Israel at her absolute worst – they have committed Spiritual adultery

B)God says I am going to renew my vows to you – I am going to re-establish my Covenant with you. – So Beautiful

C)God even says a few things here that he didn't say last time: He makes some amazing promises

Before all your people **I will do marvels** such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* shall see the work of the LORD. For it *is* an awesome thing that I will do with you.

D)Marvels is extraordinary acts – this that are jaw dropping – awe inspiring

1)Things that have never been seen on planet earth before.

For it *is* an awesome thing that I will do **with you.**

A)God is saying: I am Not just going to make you my wife again - I am going to do this for you and in but also with you.

B)What I am going to do is going to be more than something that you just look at – and marvel

C)This is going to be something that you are going to experience first hand.

He continues in V.11 – And I am going to drive out the inhabitants of the land. – Remove all the obstacles

A)But they have part to play in this too – this is where the discipline comes in and the action

[12] Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. [13] But you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images

B)**We are not to play around with the World – don't make covenants with the World – don't leave up the Altars – break them down**

C)This will be the downfall of the Kings of Israel – they leave the idols Especially the high places

High places were hidden shrines – not out in the open

A)More secret and hidden – people would go up there to worship them

Now

B)That is what we can do too- little hidden secret shrines – idols – sins – things that no one else sees - But God does

C)Plague us and affect us – Why did they keep the high places? They loved them – Why do we keep the little shrines and hidden sins

1)We love to indulge our flesh

But God says: [14] (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

A)**When the Bible talks about God being a Jealous God- it doesn't mean Jealousy like we think about it**

B)We can get Jealous when we see someone we love – liking something or someone better than us – Daughters boyfriend – in laws

C)We wrestle with Jealousy because our feelings get hurt – we are sad – they like them better than us.

That is not how God's jealousy works – when we distracted by other pursuits or other things or people

A)God is not in heaven sulking – "I can't believe they want to spend more time with that than me…"

B)He is not jealous at us- He is jealous for us. I love them so much and I want to do so much in their life and through their life
1)And once again they are turning from me to other things

C)They are going to miss out – when are they going to learn – that is what his Jealousy looks like

D)You are missing out on his best – His heart breaks for you!

So God re-establishes his commitment and covenant with these people
#3 We see the Repetition of his requirements

A)In order for them to experience the blessings – they were going to have to keep this commitment to walk in God's ways

B)So His Requirements are repeated:

17 "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.
18 "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt. Includes passover
19 "All that open the womb *are* Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, *whether* ox or sheep. 20 But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem *him,* then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem.
"And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.
21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. Reminder about the Sabbath
22 "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, firstf ruits of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. Tabernacles
23 "Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders;

neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.

25 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.

26 "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." 28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

So the Lord is reminding the Children of Israel of their requirement to be fully committed to him with their hearts

A)Seen in the stewarding of their resources – bringing to God the first fruits of their crops – not the left overs

B)Saying God you are first – we love you and trust you.

C)Keep ourselves from idols –

Notice V.28 Moses was up there again another 40 days and 40 nights – this is a literal redo

A)This time when he comes back the people are patiently waiting for him

#4 The Result of being in God's glory

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

Moses comes down off the Mt and his face is glowing from being in the Lord's presence

A)Interesting Paul the Paul said a similar things happens to us as we draw near to Jesus and seek to behold his glory

B)Paul said this: 18 We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

C)Paul says there is a transformation that happens in us when we are beholding his glory. –

1)We are being changed – transformed into the same image –

D)We start looking like Jesus in our actions – attitudes – and responses to the world around us – and the people around us

Now what is interesting about this is that – Moses had no idea he was glowing. He couldn't tell but the people could

A)The same thing can be true in our lives – we are changing and becoming more like Jesus – but we don't often see it

B)Because if you are like me – I can be so hard on myself – I tend to focus on the areas that still need work

1)The enemy loves to play on that too

C)But others are seeing the change and the transformation

So Moses is glowing -

30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face
shone, and they **were afraid to come near him**. 31 Then Moses called to them, and
Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with
them. 32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as
commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 And when
Moses had finished speaking with them, **he put a veil on his face**. 34 But whenever
Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he
came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had
been commanded. 35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that
the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until
he went in to speak with Him.

Not sure how long this lasted – but the glow was so bright that he wore a Veil.

A)Don't Veil the glow for anyone – Don't hide you light – shine bright

B)Lighthouse in a dark world

C)Now before we go tonight I want us to consider one last thing – Heb 8

See here is the reality these people are going to not hold up to the covenant – they will break it over and over again.

A)That will be the plight of man until Jesus comes – through Jesus God will establish a new covenant

B)The Writer of Hebrews – talks about that here in Hebrews 8

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, (Note the fault wasn't in the Covenant itself – but with mankind's inability to keep their end of it – the fault was with man not the covenant or God.)

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought
for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are
coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah—9 not according to the covenant that I made with their
fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of
Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says
the LORD. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after
those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their
hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

There are three wonderful components to God's New Covenant with us
New Heart, A New Part, and a New Start

New heart

I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts.

A)God is saying I am going to do a work on the inside of them – the heart and the mind

B)That work on the inside will be the Work of God's spirit and will be reflected in their actions

C)Ezekiel 36 **26I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh {HARD /DEAD/ UNRESPONSIVE} and give you a heart of flesh. SOFT/ ALIVE/ RESPONSIVE**
27I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

D)This New Covenant is going to be a work of God's spirit that enables us to follow it and live for God

A New Heart – but also a New Part

#2 A New Part

v.10b – " and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

I will be their God and they shall be my people!

A)This was a declaration of intimacy – Promise of the OC was if you do this then I will be your God and you will be my People.

B)Achieving intimacy with God was based soley on man's ability to perform.

C)But in the NC God says I am going to do something for you – I am going to do a work – that allows me to be your God and you to be my pp

D)Allows you to know me { Live in an intimate relationship with me!

We have talked about how this whole system of worship that God set up in Judaism spoke of Distance –

A)In the mind of the average Israelite – Moses knew God, Joshua Knew God – The priest, especially the HP knew God { NOT ME – NOT AVERAGE GUY

But Now in the NC we hear God say: "You can all KNOW ME! – greatest to the SMALLEST"

A)No Hierarchy { Priest were Mediators but Now in the NC God says – you all are priest – Royal Priesthood

B)All on an equal plane – all have an audience with God – 10yr old kid can be as close to God as Billy Graham –
1)Really – Know Me just as much - Hard for us to fathom!

D)But wants us to believe it and take advantage of it – Come boldly

E)Live confidently

A New Heart/ A New Part/

#3 A New START V.12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Justification: what does it mean to be Justified ?

A)The Word Justification in the grk is Dikaioo . It is a term of Juresprudence - It is a legal term

B)Ever watch law shows – Reasonable doubt – if you can prove reasonable doubt – Acquittal

1)Person might be guilty – Just couldn't prove it – JUSTIFICATION IS NOT THAT.

C)Nor is it a PARDON – Pardon – You are found to be guilty – but Judge shows you mercy and forgiveness

1)You are let off – Still on record – you are a pardoned Criminal

D)Justification means **that the Judge declares you Righteous { More than Not guilty**

1)No crime/ no offense/

E)The Judge Declares you RIGHT ON !!!!! It is like the crime / the sin never occurred – no record whatsoever of any wrong ever being done.

F)Race – you ran failed miserably – no record

There was a man in England who put his Rolls-Royce on a boat and went across to the continent to go on a holiday.

While he was driving around Europe, something happened to the motor of his car.

He called the Rolls-Royce people back in England and asked, "I'm having trouble with my car; what do you suggest I do?"

Well, the Rolls-Royce people flew a mechanic over! The mechanic repaired the car and flew back to England and left the man to continue his holiday.

As you can imagine, the fellow was wondering, **"How much is this going to cost me?"** So when he got back to England, he wrote the people a letter and asked how much he owed them.

He received a letter from the office that read**: "Dear Sir: There is no record anywhere in our files that anything ever went wrong with a Rolls-Royce."**

That is justification. — Repentance

Psalm 103:10,12
"He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

How far is the East from the west – Immeasurable – no end in sight infinte : God chooses to put out of His Remembrance

A) Not just that He is not dwelling on them / completely REMOVED/ gone

B)Amanda Playing w/ Calculator- CLEAR !!!!!

C) JUSTIFICATION

D)So in the New Covenant – Every day is a New Start! – Say again