



## Small Group Guide: Where Is Your Allegiance?

**Sermon Series:** Exodus: YHWH Goes to War

**Text:** Exodus 2:11-4:31

**Theme:** Aligning Our Lives Fully with Yahweh

### Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to search hearts and reveal areas where full allegiance to Him may be lacking. Pray for honesty, grace, and transformation during your time together.

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### Icebreaker Question

**What's something you wear or display that shows your allegiance to something (a sports team, school, workplace, etc.)? Why is that allegiance important to you?**

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### Sermon Summary

Moses lived 40 years as an Egyptian, 40 years as a Midianite, but was born Hebrew. When God called him at the burning bush, Moses had to decide where his true allegiance lay. God revealed Himself as "Yahweh" (I AM/I will be what I will be), demonstrating that He is self-sufficient, not bound by regions, and faithful to His promises. The sermon challenges us to examine our lives: if someone looked at everything we do, say, and think, where would they say our allegiance lies?

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# Discussion Questions

## Understanding the Text

1. **What stands out to you most about Moses' identity crisis?** How did growing up in three different cultures (Hebrew birth, Egyptian upbringing, Midianite family) complicate his sense of belonging?
2. **Why was the name "Yahweh" (I AM) so significant?** What does this name reveal about God's character compared to the regional gods of that time?
3. **Read Exodus 3:7-8.** What four things does God say He has done regarding Israel's suffering? What does this tell us about God's character?

## Personal Reflection

4. **Moses kept making excuses to God (can't speak well, send someone else).** What excuses do we commonly make when God calls us to something? Why do we struggle to trust that "I will be with you" is enough?
5. **The sermon stated: "What makes us effective for the Lord is the presence of the Lord with us."** How does this challenge our culture's emphasis on natural talent, education, or experience?
6. **Moses hadn't circumcised his son—a sign of partial allegiance to God.** What are some ways we might give God "most" of our lives but hold something back?

## Application

7. **If someone examined your calendar, bank statements, social media, and conversations, where would they say your allegiance lies?** (This is meant for personal reflection, not to shame—be gracious with one another.)
8. **The sermon defined worship as "a lifestyle that says God is worthy of everything I am and have."** How does this definition differ from how we typically think of worship? What would change in your daily life if you embraced this definition?
9. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** How does Paul's call to be "living sacrifices" connect with the theme of full allegiance to God?

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## Key Takeaways

- ✓ **God hears, remembers, sees, and knows His people.** He is faithful to His promises even when we can't see His plan unfolding.
- ✓ **God's presence is the guarantee of success in His plans.** Our abilities matter less than His presence with us.
- ✓ **Yahweh demands full allegiance, not partial commitment.** We cannot serve God with only part of our hearts.

✓ **Worship is not a moment or activity—it's a lifestyle.** Everything we do should declare God's worthiness.

✓ **The proper response to God revealing Himself is to believe and repent.** Repentance means realigning every aspect of our lives to God.

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## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose ONE area below to focus on this week:

#### Option 1: The Allegiance Audit

- Spend 30 minutes journaling through these questions:
  - Where do I spend most of my time?
  - Where do I spend most of my money?
  - What do I think about most?
  - What do I talk about most?
- Ask God to show you where your allegiance truly lies and one specific area to realign.

#### Option 2: The "I Will Be With You" Exercise

- Identify one thing God has been calling you to do that you've been avoiding.
- Write down all your excuses (like Moses did).
- Next to each excuse, write: "But God says, 'I will be with you.'"
- Take one step of obedience this week, trusting in His presence.

#### Option 3: Worship Lifestyle Shift

- Choose one daily activity (commute, meal prep, exercise, etc.).
  - Intentionally do it this week as an act of worship—thanking God, praying, or simply doing it with excellence for His glory.
  - Journal about how this changes your perspective.
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## Scripture Memory

### Matthew 22:37

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

## Closing Reflection

Read this quote from the sermon together:

"Yahweh wants your full allegiance in every aspect of your life. Every aspect of your life... Worship is a life that says, God, everything I am and everything I have, I align to you because only you are worthy."

**Final Question:** What is one specific way you will realign your life to God this week?

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## Closing Prayer

Pray together using Psalm 139:23-24 as a guide:

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"*

Pray for each person's specific area of realignment and for the courage to fully surrender to God's lordship.

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## Leader Notes

- **Be vulnerable first.** Share your own struggles with divided allegiance before asking others to share.
- **Create a safe space.** Emphasize that this is about growth, not shame.
- **Don't rush.** It's better to discuss fewer questions deeply than to race through all of them.
- **Follow up.** Check in with group members during the week about their practical applications.