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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR ALL SAINTS SMALL GROUPS

“Faces and Veils” | Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt | March 3, 2019

Exodus 34:29-35 ESV

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

See also Luke 9:28-42

Intro Reflection

We were created for God's face but there's no way we can endure it. Read Psalm 34.

Background

Tim said our faces provide two things: intimacy and revelation. Veils both hide and shield things. The veil shielded Israel so they would not be consumed. Leah, as a failure to her father, was hidden behind a veil.

In Luke 9, Jesus was chosen to be the veil. He was broken and torn, taking affliction and judgement, so that God's glory –his love, his grace –were revealed on the cross. And we were given back what we'd lost: God's face.

Discuss:

In light of Sunday's homily and the scriptures listed:

1. What is your “glory”? What is most true, significant, weighty about you?
2. In what way does being known terrify you?
3. The truth of the cross is that God transfigured all things about you. What does it look like to lean into that truth?
4. Discuss Psalm 34:1-10 in light of these verses and Tim's message.

Conclusion/Application

Lord, we exalt your name together; we look to you; we cry to you. Save us from ourselves, from our fears, from our shame. We know you are good as we take refuge in you. Shine in us and shine from us. Amen.