

# Sermon Summary

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### *Summary*

This sermon by Pastor Carl discusses having an encounter with God and developing true intimacy with Him. Pastor Carl talks about how God has not changed - He still demands holiness and righteousness. He references Exodus 19:5-9, where God first encounters His people at Mount Sinai after the Exodus from Egypt.

Pastor Carl talks about how God wants to touch us and have a fresh encounter with us today. But this requires acknowledging where we are in relation to Him and taking accountability for our choices and their consequences. He discusses how every choice we make influences eternity.

Pastor Carl also talks about how Jesus meets God's standard of holiness for us, and that God will not lower His standard. Though the law could not save us, God still demands holiness. Pastor Carl discusses seeking more of God and walking in His fullness, and how this costs us denying ourselves and taking up our cross daily.

The sermon discusses developing intimacy with God by listening to Him, opening up to Him, and valuing time with Him over other things. Pastor Carl talks about how God wants to expand our capacity to receive Him more and more.

