

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

I AM WHO I AM (LORD - Yahweh)

With Jerry Maniate
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Exodus 3:13-15 (NLT) But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?” **14** God replied to Moses, **“I AM WHO I AM.** Say this to the people of Israel: **I AM** has sent me to you.” **15** God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: **Yahweh**, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.

- **“I AM” is the ultimate expression of self-sufficiency, self-existence, and immediate presence.**
- **Reverence for God’s Name.**
- **Yahweh = Jehovah = the LORD.**

“This is the most basic fact and the most ultimate fact. Period. Of the billions of facts that there are, this one is at the bottom and at the top. It is the foundation of all others and the consummation of all others. Nothing is more basic and nothing is more ultimate than the fact that God is. Nothing is more foundational to this church than that God is. Nothing is more foundational to your life or your marriage or your job or your health or your mind or your future than that God is. Nothing is more foundational to the world, or the solar system, or the Milky Way or the universe than that God is. And nothing is more foundational to the Bible and the self-revelation of God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus than that God is.” John Piper

- **God stands, ever-present and unchangeable.**

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Mark 14:60-62

Romans 5:6-8

1 John 5:1

Big Idea: Because God is self-existent I can rely on Him for everything.

How do we apply this?

1) Since God is self-existent recognize His authority over your whole life.

Proverbs 3: 5–6 (NLT) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

“True Christianity is an all-out commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ...Nothing less than unconditional surrender could ever be a fitting response to His sacrifice at Calvary. Love so amazing, so divine, could never be satisfied with less than our souls, our lives, our all.” William MacDonald

2) The self-existent God is ever-present with you, so trust Him with everything.

Hebrews 13: 5–6 (NLT) For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” **6** So we can say with confidence, “The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

“All God’s giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them.” Hudson Taylor

3) Trust in the self-existent God to find your true identity.

Romans 12: 1–2

Romans 9: 20-21

- **Rely on God to lead you.**
- **Rely on God to be with you.**
- **Rely on God to give you an identity.**

Prayer: Yahweh, LORD God, help me to experience your blessing and your protection, your love and your grace as you smile on me, and may I rest in your unmerited favour as you grant me your perfect peace. Help me to find my “true self” as I live in relationship with you God through Jesus Christ. Amen

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- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Read Exodus 3:1-22. What surprises you or intrigues you about Moses' encounter with God? Why do you think God explains who He is in this way? In what ways can you relate with Moses?

4) Read Hebrews 13:8, and Mark 14:60-62. What are the implications of these verses? How do these scriptures encourage you today?

5) Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How does this verse speak to our need to recognize God's authority over our whole lives? What are the benefits of doing this?

6) Read Hebrews 13:5-6. How does this verse encourage you today? In what ways are you currently struggling to trust God? What is the LORD saying to you in this regard?

8) Identify an action item for each area. In what ways do you need to....

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9) **Pray a prayer of commitment to God:** Yahweh, LORD God, help me to experience your blessing and your protection, your love and your grace as you smile on me, and may I rest in your unmerited favour as you grant me your perfect peace. Help me to find my "true self" as I live in relationship with you God through Jesus Christ. Amen



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