

# message summary

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Paul uses an old testament story from Exodus 34 to describe how Moises chose to wear a veil in order to prevent the people from seeing the glory of God was fading from his face. In a world of selfies and filters, people have also learned to hide pieces of themselves from others. The veil that once covered the face of Moses' symbolizes the spiritual blindness of those who haven't embraced Christ. God envisions a community of authenticity. He removes spiritual blindness and forgives our sins. God wants His church to be a safe haven where people can be open, honest, authentic, and real with one another to experience true community. Yet, so many of us feel the need to fake who we really are. We hide from embarrassment and shame like Adam and Eve hid from God in the garden. Let's read **2 Corinthians 3:13-18** to see that in order to truly experience change we need to begin to share who we really are.

# observation

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- Why did Moses veil his face, and how does it relate to the Old Covenant? (Verses 13-14)

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- What does Paul say happens when someone turns to the Lord? (Verse 16)

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# interpretation

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- In what way are people covering up their faces today? In what situations are you tempted to be someone you're not?

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# application

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- In what practical ways can we, as a Christian community, encourage one another to live authentic lives?

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- Name two people in your life that you can trust and reveal your deepest secrets to who will not judge you but walk with you in your struggles?

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- Do you have any prayer requests that you would like to invite people into in order to receive healing?

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