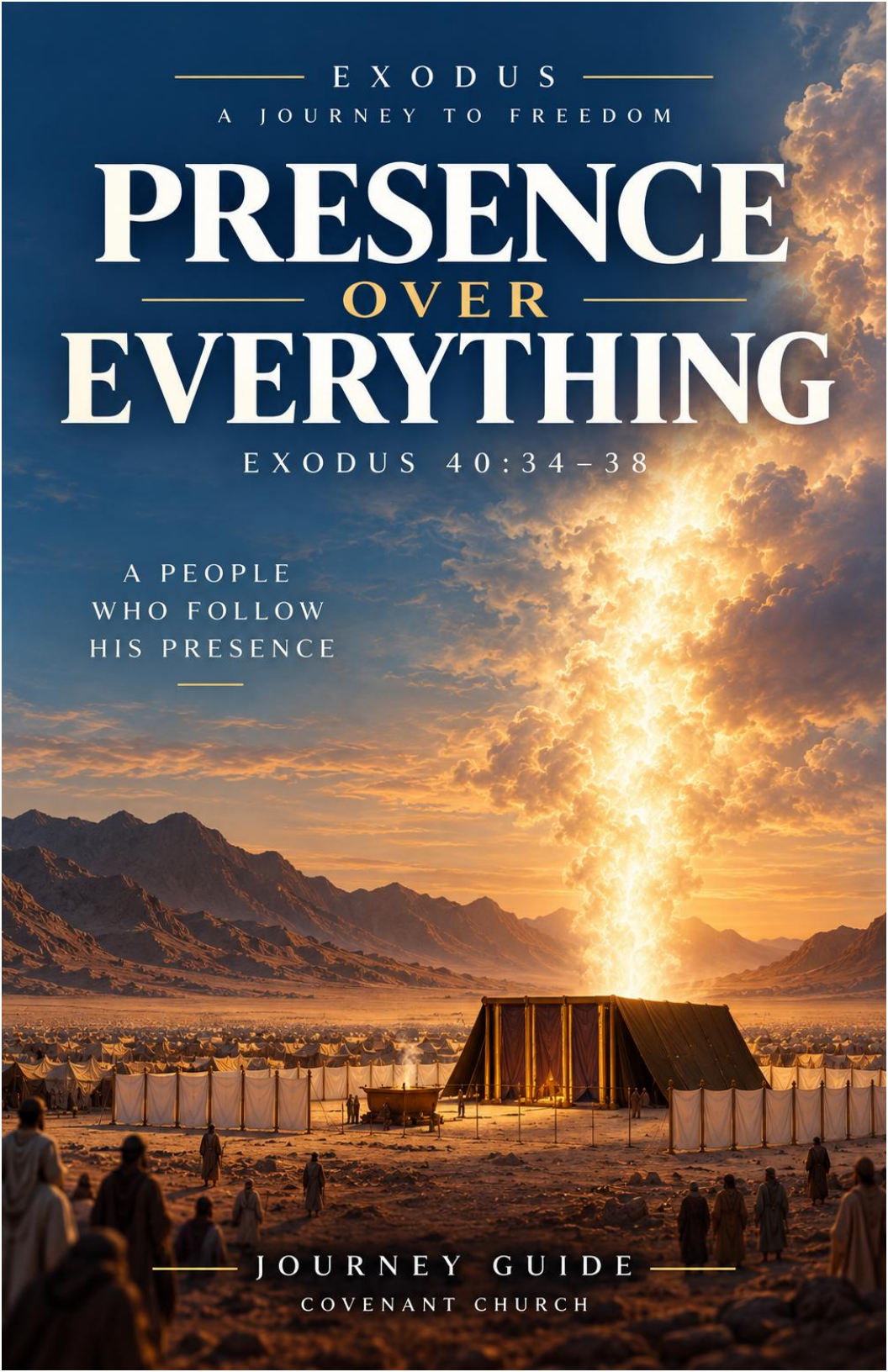




— EXODUS —
A JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

PRESENCE — OVER — EVERYTHING

EXODUS 40:34–38

A PEOPLE
WHO FOLLOW
HIS PRESENCE

— JOURNEY GUIDE —

COVENANT CHURCH

God's Relational Presence

Exodus 40:34–38



OHEL

Tent of Meeting

A place of meeting
and encounter.



MISHKAN

Dwelling Place

The place where the LORD
chooses to dwell among
his people.

KEY IDEA

God does not merely desire to be near his people.
He makes a way to be relationally present with them.

Jesus and the Presence of God

John 1:14 points us to Jesus as the fullest expression of God's presence among us.

What the tabernacle expressed in symbol, Jesus reveals in person.

Moses entered the Tent of Meeting to encounter the LORD.
We encounter the LORD by coming to Jesus.

IN COMMUNITY

- 1 What is the difference between believing God is present and living in relationship with him?
- 2 How does Jesus help us understand God's desire to be known?

A People Who Follow

Exodus 40:36–37



When the cloud moved, Israel moved.
When the cloud remained, Israel remained.



Pharaoh's
commands



Their own
desires



God's
presence

KEY IDEA

They learned to order their movements around God's presence.

Following Jesus

Following Jesus is about ordering our lives around Jesus.

We learn to notice where God is already at work through Scripture, people, circumstances, opportunities to love, conviction, compassion, and the Spirit's prompting.

IN COMMUNITY

- 1 What most often determines the movements of your life?
- 2 Where might God be inviting you to move, wait, speak, or remain faithful right now?

A Daily Practice

Following God in Everyday Life

The same God who met with Israel in the tabernacle meets with us today.
As we seek to follow Jesus, we can begin each day with a simple prayer.

BEGIN EACH DAY WITH THIS PRAYER

“Lord, what would you have me do, be, and say today?”



DO

What faithful action is mine today?

Look for the next right step. Where is God inviting you to move, serve, or love today?



BE

What kind of person is Christ forming me to be?

Ask for the Spirit's help to grow in Christ's character—more like Jesus in how you think, feel, and respond.



SAY

What words would reflect the character and grace of Jesus?

Seek to speak with truth, kindness, and grace. Let your words point others to Jesus.

IN COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK

- 1 Where did you notice God at work? _____
- 2 How did you respond? _____
- 3 Where do you need to follow more closely? _____

*We do not ask God to follow us into our day.
We wake up asking how we can follow him through it.*