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Woman's
talk

Woman's Walk is a bible study where we will study the names of God. Join us at the time that works for you. Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, or Thursday evening. Come by the table outside after service to purchase your book, sign up or just to get more information. You can also sign up for the women's retreat at the table outside today.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to our 90+ year old Emmanuelites this month. Birthday cards are welcome!!
Ada Jackson - Almita Shivers
100th Birthday for Bernie Gates

Additional Giving Opportunities
Stock, Real Estate, and other assets
IRA

Donor-Advised Fund
Estate Planning
If you are interested,
please contact Ruth Zymkowitz
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Our Christian sympathy to Dan Koolmees, Don Koolmees, and family on the passing of Dan and Don's uncle, Dick De Jong, on Saturday, August 26th.

Our Christian sympathy to Luis Camarena and family on the passing of Luis's wife, Brenda Camarena, on Sunday, September 3rd, at the age of 58.

Get connected! Learn about everything going on at Emmanuel in the Fall Brochure. Grab one at any entrance or scan the QR code below to access the digital version.



English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision Fund offering Sep 17

Weekly Offering

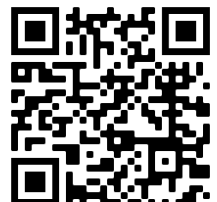
YTD Offering: \$2,186,294.21

YTD Budget: \$2,187,936.00

Last Week's Offering: \$40,346.29

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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I AM

God is immutable in that he is unchanging.
We know God only because he's revealed himself to us

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15



The Hebrew word *shem*, which is used for name, is more than something by which someone is called. It has to do with one's character, reputation and recognition based on their deeds. When they might ask "what is his name" they could also be asking "what can this God do?"

- God is telling Moses that he is fully and truly all that he will ever be. He is not changing, growing or developing.
- When God says "I AM who I AM" the verb that's repeated is done so in a present and future tense. It could be translated as: **I am (now) what I will be (forever)**
- Not only is God faithful now and will he be faithful in the future. He has always been faithful. (Exodus 3:15)
- God invites us to join him but oftentimes we psych ourselves out because we tend to look at our own abilities and not at the GREAT I AM who is faithful. God is essentially saying, **"stop worrying about who you are and start paying attention to who I AM"** (Exodus 3:11-12)

In between the Old Testament and the New Testament roughly 400 years passed. God was silent but he was not absent. When you read the Gospels you will read that God came as Jesus.

- John 8 there are all kinds of disputes! Who is Jesus? Who gave him authority? While the world claims that "truth is relative" Jesus claims to be THE TRUTH and whoever follows him will find freedom in this life and the next. (John 8:31-32)

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

- John 8:54-59

He claimed to be the one speaking to Moses in the burning bush - the faithful I AM - he claimed to exist before Abraham. He is claiming to be God!

The Gospel

As Jesus's ministry continued the time came for him to go to the cross. In the Garden of Gethsemane he was praying and a detachment of soldiers showed up to arrest him...

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "***I AM***," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "***I AM***," they drew back and fell to the ground.

- John 18:4-6 **italics mine*. In Greek there is no "he" pronoun. It was added to help us understand it in English and in a way that is grammatically correct*

Was Jesus immutable? Jesus was fully God AND fully human. His divinity was immutable. He was the creator, he was eternal and was holy. Yet without compromising his divinity his humanity was changeable in that he was a baby and grew up to live a sinless life, he knew hunger, got tired, suffered and died. (John 1:1,14)

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, **then let these men go.**"

- John 18:8

- *Aphiemi* - of the 146x this is used in the NT, 49x it is used for forgiveness. Jesus was saying "let them go take me, I will pay the price, I AM."
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