

- The Lord's presence and activity in our life is apparent from Sandy's testimony, even if we don't always realize it ... The Lord is always present and at work ... This is not just what He does, but who He is ... To not be present and to not be active in our life is for Him to not be who He is ... **Ex3**, the Lord is reminding Moses of this reality ... For way too long the Israelites, while living in Egypt, endured cruel oppression at the hands of Egyptian Pharaoh's who ruled ... On continual basis, the Israelites cried out to God for help and release from enslavement ... They lived in Egypt for 480yrs, and around 400 of those years they were enslaved by the Egyptians ... I think we can rightly assume the people felt abandoned and on their own after such a long time of God seemingly doing nothing to relieve their pain
 - We don't know the type of relationship and understanding Moses had with God prior to this encounter, but God in a way reintroduces Himself to Moses – *I am the God you grew up hearing about Moses. I am not a god of the Egyptians; I am the Elohim who appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*
- (v7-13) *I have seen My people. I have heard My people. I have known My people. I have come down to rescue them from their enslavement, and bring them into the promised land* ... The Lord tells Moses that he's being sent back to confront Pharaoh, and lead the Israelites out of Egypt ... Moses responds in a way you and I probably would – *who am I to go to Pharaoh and demand he let anyone go?* ... The Lord assures Moses that his going will be successful – *deliverance is guaranteed, Moses; I am with you* ... And once again, Moses rebuts – *Who are You? How are You different than the other gods I've known? What sets You apart; why should I trust You?* ... Maybe you hear yourself in these rebuttals ... Maybe you've made them once or twice ... I don't think Moses is being disrespectful here; he genuinely wants to know what sets the Lord apart from everyone and everything else

YAHWEH / the LORD

- *I am the One who Is – this is who I am* ... The God who Is has come to set His people free ... Yahweh is His Name, but it's more than a name – it's His essence, it's who He is ... Yahweh derives from the Hb word to be – **hayah** ... It runs through creation – **Let there be ... and it was** ... God speaks into existence things that, for Him, already exist – **Rom4:17** ... **Is44:6-8, 24; 45:18** ... **“My people will know My Name ... I am He who says, ‘Here I am’”** (Is52:6)
 - The Lord of the past, is the Lord of the present, and the Lord who will always be ... Yahweh is continually present, and yet spanning over all of time ... There is not a moment possible that escapes His presence ... There is never a moment that goes unaccounted for – He knows every day and every moment of the day ... Check this: **Ex12:29-42** → **Ex3:19-22** → **Ge15:13-14** – 630+yrs BEFORE the Exodus (200+ before Egypt)
 - **Ps 83:18** ... **Mh4:5** ... The Lord is always with you by Name – **Yahweh** ... The Lord is always with you by promise – **I will never leave you nor forsake you** ... The Lord is always with you by position – **In Christ** ... We are never not in His presence ... Those who are in Christ, we must become aware of this; we must be willing to live in this reality ... As Christ lives in us, Yahweh lives in us; and as Christ stands before Yahweh, we stand before Yahweh ... In His grace and kindness, Yahweh also continually pursues those not yet in Christ, and those who may have walked away from Christ ... Yahweh is present with them; waiting for them to turn back around ... *No matter how far you've walked away from God, the return trip is only one step*
- Greatest expression of Yahweh is experienced in Jesus ... Adonai / Kyrios = **Rom10:9** ... **Jesus is Yahweh** ... All thru John's Gospel, Jesus Himself claims He is Yahweh, notably in His “I AM” statements ... **6:35** – Bread of Life / Satisfaction ... **8:12** – Light of the World / Reality ... **10:7** – Door / Refuge ... **10:11** – Good Shepherd / Defender ... **11:25** – Resurrection & Life / Hope ... **14:6** – the Way / Salvation, the Truth / Righteousness, the Life / Freedom ... **15:1** – true Vine / true Life ... **8:58** – **I AM YAHWEH**
- When we're anxious, what are we told to do – breathe ... We say the name of Yahweh every time we breathe ... All that He is, He will be for you ... He is with you – His with-ness is dependent on Him, not you ... Rest in Yahweh ... Rest in the truth that you are known and loved by the God who Is ... So be with Him, as He is with you