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Exodus 34:6-7

Introduction

This week explores two key attributes of God's character: His abounding love (hesed in Hebrew) and faithfulness (emet in Hebrew). These attributes are first revealed in Exodus 34 when God describes Himself to Moses after Israel's sin with the golden calf. The sermon explains how these characteristics are deeply connected to God's covenant relationship with His people, demonstrated throughout Scripture from Abraham to Jesus. The message emphasizes that God's love and faithfulness are not just feelings but covenant realities that He consistently demonstrates through action, even when His people fail. This is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who embodies both God's hesed (steadfast love) and emet (unwavering truth) through His life, death, and resurrection.

Key Texts:

Exodus 34:6-7; Genesis 12:1-4; John 1:14; Isaiah 41:10; John 13:34-35; 2 Timothy 2:13

Icebreaker

Covenant language may not be common language in the world today, yet culture is full of promises and contracts between people, businesses, government, and more. What are some common covenants or promises people make in the world today?

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon mentions that God's love (hesed) is covenant-based. Read Genesis 12:1-4 together as a group. What do you observe about God's commitment in His covenant with Abraham? How does Abraham's role compare? What does this teach us about God's faithfulness?

- a. How does it feel to receive something (God's love) that you did not and do not earn?
2. Similarly, this week mentioned the faithfulness of God (*emet*), which Sandy described as "morally unshakable, just, true, and ...generational." How has your understanding of God's faithfulness been shaped by your experiences with human faithfulness or unfaithfulness?
 - a. In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to trust God's faithfulness?
3. This week, Sandy walked us through key stories in the bible of God's *hesed* and *emet*: Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Hosea, Jeremiah, Jesus, Peter. Share examples or stories of how God has demonstrated His faithful love in your life during difficult times?
4. Often, our stories that shape us involve significant, but momentary pain and suffering, yet Sandy reminded us that suffering can be a path to experiencing God's love, "What feels like *breaking* may in fact be the beginning of *becoming*." How have you experienced this in your own life?
5. What practical ways can we reflect God's faithful love to others in our daily lives? Sandy mentioned three key points: Receive it personally, Reflect it in our lives, Rely on it in difficult times. Which of those is most difficult for you to show to others in your life? Why?
6. Sandy asked us, "Are there promises of God you've stopped believing?" What promises of God do you need to hold onto right now in your life? What would it look like for you to actively trust and hold onto God's promises this week?

Key Takeaways

- God's love (*hesed*) and faithfulness (*emet*) are covenant-based, not emotion-based.
- God demonstrates His faithful love even when His people fail.
- Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's love and faithfulness.
- Our suffering can become a path to experiencing God's faithful love.
- We are called to reflect God's faithful love to others.

Notes