

[SERMON NOTES]

Close to God – Exodus 33:1-18

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

If you're here and you're reading this, then you've probably had some kind of encounter with God. **What is the closest you have ever felt to God? When did you have the greatest sense of being *in* God's presence in your life so far?**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In our second week of our *You in Five Years* series, we looked at the story of Moses interaction with Yahweh God to understand the priority of God's presence in our lives. (Re)read the passage from this week again:

Exodus 33:1-18

Be honest: ***When was the last time you were in God's presence?*** Take a look at this parallel passage in Jeremiah and walk through it with the following steps...

Read **Jeremiah 17:7-8** (in several different translations if you have time). **Rewrite the passage in your own words.**

What are some things these verses teach us about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)? (i.e. His plan for people, His attributes, His purposes for creation, etc.)

What are some things these verses teach us about people?

If you were to pull one thing from this passage to apply to your life to better follow Jesus as a disciple, what would it be?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

Exodus 33

James 4

John 15

Psalm 16