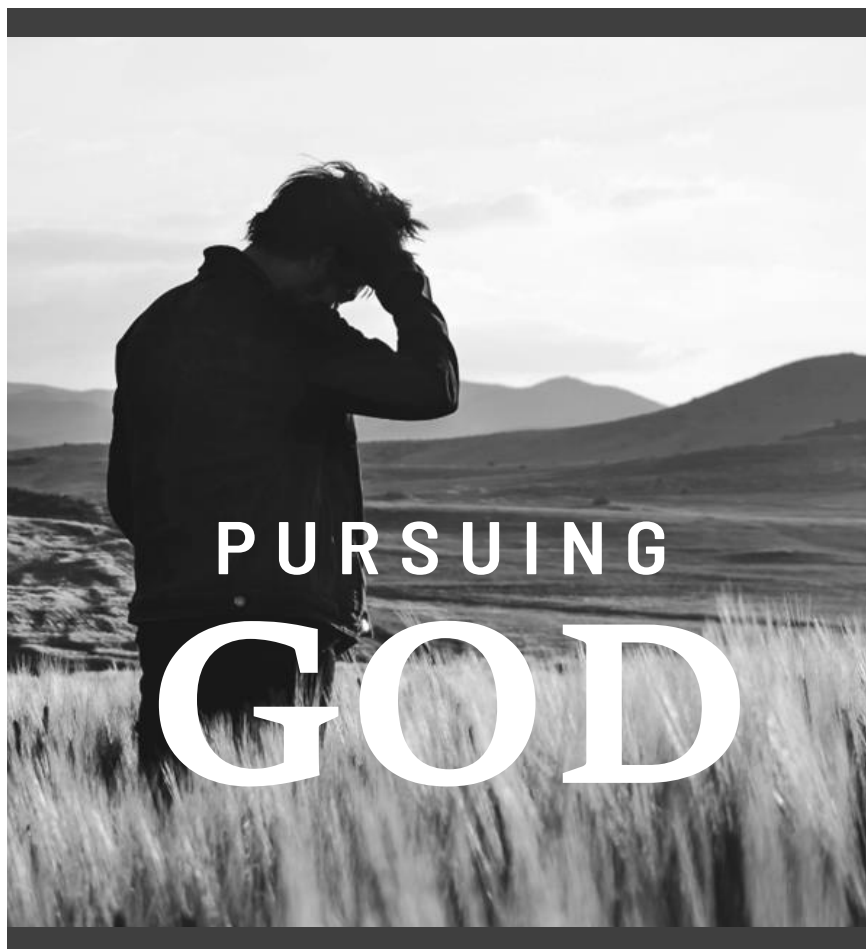


RECHARGE

DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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INTRODUCTION

“Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction.”

Psalm 119:18 (CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE)

Especially at the beginning of the year, we want to encourage you to develop the habit of spending time each day in the Word of God! It is our prayer that this *Recharge* will help you in this process. This issue will serve as a companion guide for the next ten weeks of study in our Sunday morning series—*Pursuing Intimacy with God*. It is our prayer that these little booklets will help you in your daily devotions, as well as give you a place for notes from the Sunday morning messages and your community group studies.

We do this intentionally to help you remember and apply the truths that we learn each week. The more time you spend thinking about something—and the more ways you interact with that truth—the more likely you will be to implement it into your life. It is true that a person learns through repetition, but that’s not exactly the goal in doing this. When each of these reinforce the other, it allows us to experience different levels of comprehension, which increases our overall understanding of Scripture and deepens our spiritual growth!

It is God’s plan for your life to be transformed into the likeness of His Son—Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 4, Paul told us to “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ” (4:15). The combined efforts of listening to the weekly message, participating in the weekly community groups and working through the studies in this booklet will help you do just that—mature in your faith in Jesus Christ!

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES

Our series for this winter session will focus on the life of Moses and the unprecedented intimacy that he had with God. We will not be walking through his life chronologically; instead, we will be considering different events and situations from Moses' life that address various topics. All of these topics will be focused on how God chose to relate to Moses and how He wants to have a similar intimate relationship with each one of us too. The goal is to complete this study in ten weeks (January 5 —March 9).

Since I (Pastor Wade) am scheduled to take a forty-day sabbatical (January 8—February 16), this sermon series will be completed by committee, so to speak. For the six Sundays that I will be gone, the other pastors on staff will be covering my teaching responsibilities. In addition to that, we will be hosting Bryan Risner, BMA missionary to Romania, on February 9. The speakers for each week are listed on the respective sermon notes page throughout this book.

WINTER 2025 RECHARGE STUDIES

In a similar fashion to what we did last winter, we are going to depart from our standard layout for this session's *Recharge*. Typically, we provide you with some sort of inductive Bible study to guide you into a deeper understanding of the sermon text. To be blunt, I believe that discovery-style Bible study is the most effective way for an individual to learn—this is why I emphasize the question-and-answer style of studying God's Word so often. Having said that, I also believe there is value in reading devotional literature, especially when you take the time to reflect on your reading.

So, that's what we're going to do in this issue. Rather than having a series of inductive studies, you will be reading a forty-day devotional book by Bill Elliff called *The Essential Presence*. This is the second book

in the “Graceful Truth Series.” Many of you will remember the first book of his that we read last year—*The Line of Faith*. These books are available through the church for a suggested donation of \$7, or you can order an eBook through his website or Amazon.com.

As you work through this *Recharge* book, you will notice that each week of study contains:

- TWO pages to take notes from each Sunday’s sermon.
- A QR code link to the YouVersion study notes for each week.
- A page for notes/prayer concerns from your Community group.
- A Bible reading plan to SOAP Journal through the passages that will walk through the life of Moses as it is recorded in the first twenty chapters of Exodus.
- Instructions for SOAP Journaling and a Table of Contents for your journal entries are located on pages 67-68.
- And two pages to record your reflections from your readings in *The Essential Presence* by Bill Elliff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of our pastors. Our prayer is that these studies will provide you with a daily *Recharge* for your life!

Pastor Wade Allen

Sermon Title: **Unveiling the Reality of God's Presence**

Sermon Text: Exodus 34:29-35

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
YouVersion Bible App



COMMUNITY GROUP

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Reflections from “**Day 1—The Essential Presence**”

Reflections from “**Day 2—The Availability of God**”

Reflections from “**Day 3—Saving Fear**”

Reflections from “**Day 4—The Grace Equation**”