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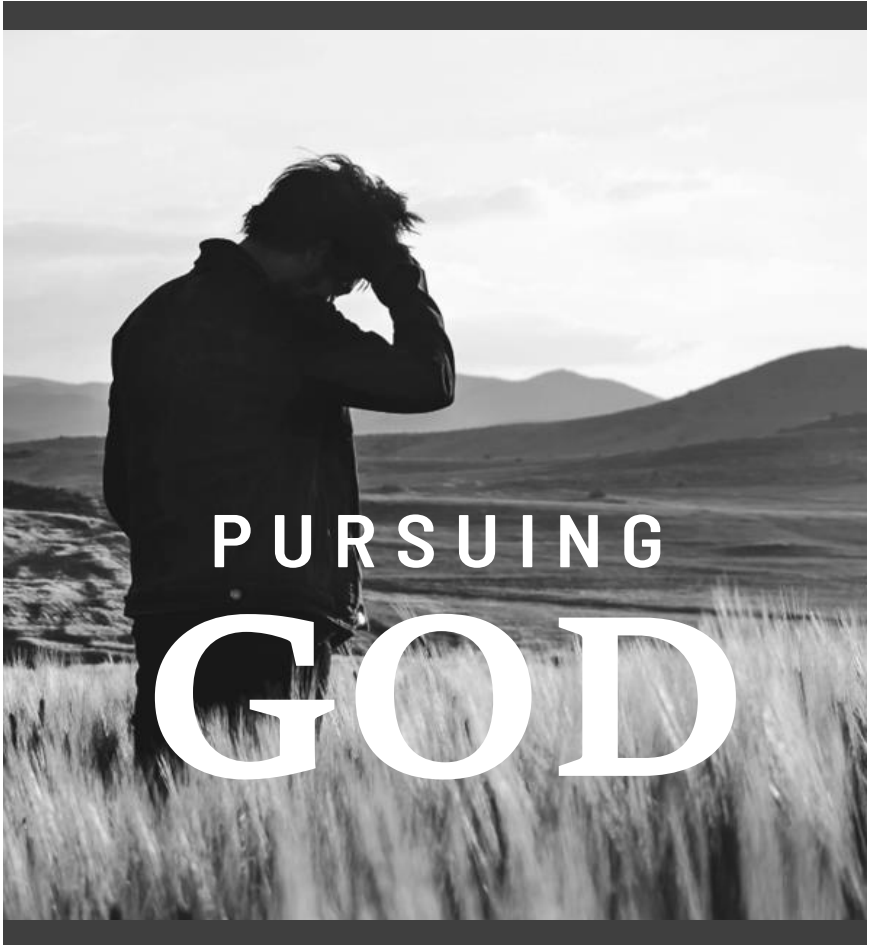
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INTRODUCTION

“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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Bible Reading: Exodus 1-2

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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**”

Sermon Title: **Finding Significance in God's Purpose**

Sermon Text: Numbers 3:5-8; 4:1-49

Speaker: John O'Connor

Sermon Notes:

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YouVersion Bible App



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Bible Reading: Exodus 3-4

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Reflections from “**Day 5—Finding the Honor We Long For**”

Reflections from “**Day 6—Your Office of Trust**”

Reflections from **“Day 7—The Distinguishable Difference”**

Reflections from **“Day 8—The Most Amazing Thing about God”**

Sermon Title: **Discarding the Influence of God's Presence**

Sermon Text: Exodus 33:1-6, 12-17

Speaker: David McEuen

Sermon Notes:

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Bible Reading: Exodus 5-6

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Reflections from **“Day 9—Leading from Intimacy”**

Reflections from **“Day 10—Seeing Jesus”**

Reflections from **“Day 11—The Purpose of God’s Deliverance”**

Reflections from **“Day 12—Be Ready and Come Up in the Morning”**

Sermon Title: **Seeking Satisfaction in God's Steadfast Love**

Sermon Text: Psalm 90; Numbers 32:6-15

Speaker: John O'Connor

Sermon Notes:

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YouVersion Bible App



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Bible Reading: Exodus 7-8

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Reflections from “**Day 13—The Selective Blindness of a Merely Lateral View**”

Reflections from “**Day 14—Your Calling**”

Reflections from “**Day 15—The Glory of His Presence**”

Reflections from “**Day 16—Intimacy with God**”

Sermon Title: **Preparing Me for God's Purpose in My Life**

Sermon Text: Exodus 2:1—3:6

Speaker: Ron Fields

Sermon Notes:

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Bible Reading: Exodus 9-10

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Reflections from “**Day 17—God Initiation**”

Reflections from “**Day 18—Dependency Upon the Deserted Place**”

Reflections from “**Day 19—Getting Ready for God**”

Reflections from “**Day 20—The 1:8 Operating System**”

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text:

Speaker: Bryan Risner, Missionary to Romania

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
YouVersion Bible App



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Prayer Concerns:

Study Title:

Bible Reading: Exodus 11-12

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Reflections from **“Day 21—Enlarging Your Heart”**

Reflections from **“Day 22—How to Get the Two Things
Your Really Want”**

Reflections from **“Day 23—The Most Important Image
You Will Ever See”**

Reflections from **“Day 24—The Voice from the Mercy Seat”**

Sermon Title: **Listening to God's Voice in My Life**

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Speaker: David McEuen

Sermon Notes:

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YouVersion Bible App



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Bible Reading: Exodus 13-14

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Reflections from **“Day 25—Recognizing the Messiah”**

Reflections from **“Day 26—The Curse of a Divided Love”**

Reflections from “**Day 27—Selective Hearing**”

Reflections from “**Day 28—The Most Disastrous Word**”

Sermon Title: **Embracing Weaknesses for God's Purposes**

Sermon Text: Exodus 4:10-17

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Study Title:

Bible Reading: Exodus 15-16

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Reflections from **“Day 29—The Struggle that Destroys
and Remakes Us”**

Reflections from **“Day 30—The Encounter that Changes Everything”**

Reflections from **“Day 31—The Decision Is Yours”**

Reflections from **“Day 32—Do You Want to Live a Revived Life Today?”**

Sermon Title: **Experiencing the Intimacy of God's Presence**

Sermon Text: Exodus 3:3-6; 33:7-11

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
YouVersion Bible App



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Prayer Concerns:

Study Title:

Bible Reading: Exodus 17-18

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Reflections from **“Day 33—The Determination that
Produces Intimacy”**

Reflections from **“Day 34—The Deliberate, Constant Choice
of a Composed, Quieted Soul”**

Reflections from **“Day 35—Knowing God”**

Reflections from **“Day 36—The Lovingkindness of Our Great God”**

Sermon Title: **Losing Sight of God's Presence in My Life**

Sermon Text: Numbers 14:1-38

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
YouVersion Bible App



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Prayer Concerns:

Study Title:

Bible Reading: Exodus 19-20

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Reflections from “**Day 37—Finding God**”

Reflections from “**Day 38—The Reason Your Day
Is Not Going So Well**”

Reflections from **“Day 39—Walking with God”**

Reflections from **“Day 40—The Best Part of Heaven and Earth”**

Instructions for SOAP Journaling

As we read God's Word, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing **daily devotions** re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time to reflect on and review some of the "gems" that you have received. Without writing these down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons!

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to today's reading on your Bible Reading Plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation

What is God saying in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth of this verse to you. Now write a one or two sentence observation about that verse. What does the verse say? What does it mean?

A for Application

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Now write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

Don't forget to give your journal entry a title and put it in the Table of Contents. This will help you find it when you want to read it again.

The book you hold in your hand has been designed to be your companion throughout this sermon series from the life of Moses. Each week contains:

- Two pages to take notes from the Sunday sermon with a link to the YouVersion interactive notes as well.
- A page for notes and prayer needs from your Community Group.
- A page to SOAP journal once a week from the Bible reading plan.
- And spaces to record your thoughts and reflections from the forty days of devotionals in Bill Elliff's book, *The Essential Presence*.

The focus of this winter's sermon series will be on some of the events in the life of Moses—events where he or the Israelites demonstrated intimacy with God or where that intimacy was destroyed! As we look at these events and situations, we will consider what we need to do to be able to avoid destructive behaviors and cultivate the intimacy that God desires to have with us.

It is our prayer that God will show you the things that He wants you to learn, and that you will obey all that He shows you!