



## Encounters Wk 3

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*"The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend." Exodus 33:11*

### **Moses' Encounter** (Exodus 3:1-5)

#### **4 Obstacles to Encountering God:**

**1. Who \_\_\_\_\_?** (Exodus 3:11-12a)

- Overcome \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:17; Titus 3:4-5)

**2. Who \_\_\_\_\_?** (Exodus 3:13-14)

- Overcome \_\_\_\_\_ His ability. (Jeremiah 32:17 NASB)

**3. What \_\_\_\_\_?** (Exodus 4:1; John 12:42-43; Proverbs 29:25)

- Overcome \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:16)

**4. I have \_\_\_\_\_.** (Exodus 4:10-12)

- Overcome \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 4:12; Hebrews 11:6)

## Talk it Over:

### “Moses’ Encounter with God”

#### Big Idea:

We are all longing to have a genuine encounter with our Creator. When we have that, our lives will never be the same. Today we learn when Moses first encountered God in Exodus 3, he hid his face from God. In our theme verse, Exodus 33:11, we see Moses & God “met face to face, as a man talks to a friend.” In this series, we are exploring how God longs to meet with all of us “face to face,” & today we’ve identified some obstacles we too must overcome in that journey.

#### Discussion Questions:

- Read Exodus 33:11. How would your prayer life be different if you approached your prayer time like you were speaking with a close friend?
- Moses asked, “Who am I?” He struggled with self-condemnation. Has condemnation ever held you back from God’s best for you? Read & discuss Romans 8:1.
- Read Hebrews 4:15-16. Jesus is our High Priest & He doesn’t condemn us because He understands what we face. How does that help you in your approach to Him?
- Moses asked the question of God, “Who are you?” God’s response reveals that He is all-powerful God. Have there been times in your life when your view of who He is was limited by doubt? Discuss what that looked like & how (if) you turned a corner.
- One big hurdle we must overcome is reluctance. What have you been feeling called to do that you feel reluctant to step out & do?
- Who or what is holding you back from getting closer to God? Think about what God thinks about you & how you can express your love for Him despite what others think or how you feel.

#### Prayer Focus This Week:

- God, thanks for your radical grace! Thanks for being BIGGER than I can fathom & yet for me & with me right now. I want to meet with you face to face & have a close relationship with You. Help me to overcome the obstacles that are holding me back in our relationship & keeping me from becoming all you created me to be. Help me to see you in the details of my life today & freshly encounter You!

#### Next Steps:

- Find an opportunity this week to share your story. Overcome the “what if they” & “I have never” by sharing the amazing work God has done in your life.
- How will you be joining the CCC family in this week of prayer & fasting?
- Pastor Tim talked about overcoming reluctance & taking a step of faith. What did God bring to your mind in that moment? How will you set aside reluctance this week & take that step?
- Who are you planning to bring with you on Aug. 18th to hear from Pat Gelsinger?