

Know God Deeply_Season 6_Episode 01_YHWH

[00:00:00] **Adam:** Welcome to Know God Deeply with Precept, where we discuss how to dig deeper into the Bible and discover God's truth for ourselves, because when we know God more deeply through His Word, we live differently. Let's dig deep!

You are listening to the Know God Deeply podcast. My name is Adam. Today, I am joined by David, Corina, and Rachel. Greetings and salutations to you.

[00:00:35] **Rachel:** Hi.

[00:00:36] **Adam:** Greetings. Well, we are excited because this kicks off a brand new season of the Know God Deeply podcast, and we are going to be exploring the names of God.

Now, there are many different names of God throughout scripture, and each one reveals an aspect of God's character. Now, we're only gonna be covering five of them over the course of the season, but listeners, we encourage [00:01:00] you to get into the Bible and discover even more of them for yourself, because that's what we're all about here at Precept, right?

We're equipping people to know God more deeply through His Word, and one of the best ways to learn about God is to study His names and titles because they carry so much meaning. So I am curious, do you all know the meaning behind your names?

[00:01:24] **Corina:** Oh, I'm trying to remember.

[00:01:27] **David:** I do. I do 'cause my mom reminded me all the time.

[00:01:31] **Rachel:** Well, yours is biblical.

[00:01:32] **David:** That I... Yeah, I'm beloved. Yeah, my name's David, so I'm beloved of God.

[00:01:36] **Rachel:** Mm Okay.

[00:01:40] **Corina:** Do you have a middle name, David?

[00:01:41] **David:** Lee.

[00:01:42] **Corina:** Oh.

[00:01:43] **David:** Hmm?

[00:01:43] **Corina:** What does

[00:01:43] **David:** that one mean? Social number is four.

[00:01:47] **Corina:** Yeah. Can I just have your bank routing number?

[00:01:49] **David:** Yeah. Yes, please.

[00:01:51] **Corina:** Yeah. Mine, I think mine is Maiden of the Lord, something like that.

[00:01:55] **David:** Hmm.

[00:01:55] **Corina:** Huh. Lady of the Lord. I don't know.

[00:01:57] **David:** That's cool.

I like that.

[00:01:59] **Corina:** Yeah. I'm [00:02:00] salty about my name. Mine just means- I was named after-

[00:02:01] **David:** That kinda sounds like a queen to me.

[00:02:04] **Corina:** Oh, thank

[00:02:04] **David:** you. Lady of the Lord. That fits, Corina. You're the queen.

[00:02:08] **Corina:** Oh, thank you. Yeah. I was named after my mom's obstetrician, so, I'm salty about that, but at least the name means something nice.

[00:02:15] **David:** That's so funny.

Right. Yeah.

[00:02:20] **Rachel:** Mine is just a female sheep, so not nearly as cool.

[00:02:21] **David:** What?

[00:02:23] **Rachel:** I'm pretty sure.

[00:02:24] **David:** Really?

[00:02:26] **Adam:** Come on. There's gotta be another meaning.

[00:02:28] **Rachel:** Maybe there is one- Happy sheep ... another one, but I don't know it.

[00:02:31] **Adam:** Female sheep. I guess.

[00:02:35] **David:** How about you, Adam?

[00:02:35] **Adam:** My name is- Dirt the Man.

Obviously biblical. Yeah, it's either Dirt or the Man. We have the extremes here of the literal translations. But yeah, the Hebrew words are interesting because man, throughout the Old Testament is the Hebrew word Adam. Hundreds of times that you read the English word man, it's Adam, and then the word for ground [00:03:00] is adamah.

And so you have, like, this man out of the ground and, yeah, so sometimes I joke that my name is Mud.

[00:03:07] **David:** Mud. That's good.

[00:03:09] **Adam:** I'm like, "Parents- Mud Man ... why did you choose this name out of all the biblical names you could have chosen?" But it does get redeemed a bit in the New Testament, you know, when we have the second Adam, the last Adam in Christ.

And so yeah, I'll embrace that.

[00:03:26] **Rachel:** There you go.

[00:03:27] **David:** Well, if it makes you feel better, my youngest daughter's nickname on her T-ball team was Dirt. Aw. 'Cause she was always out playing in the dirt.

[00:03:35] **Adam:** Oh, yeah.

[00:03:36] **Corina:** Yesterday, my son tried to slide on his belly down his big slide, and I was like, "Don't do that. You're gonna eat grass."

20 seconds later, he came up to me with his mouth full of grass. And I was like, "That's not-" Dirt. "No, that's not what I was trying to say." Yeah. Anyway.

[00:03:54] **Adam:** So for this first episode, we are turning to Exodus 3 where God reveals His [00:04:00] personal name to Moses. Now, Moses was a Hebrew who grew up in Pharaoh's house, and we pick up the story after he ran away from Egypt and was living in the wilderness.

And so in this passage, Moses gets a lofty call from God. So we're gonna be reading in Exodus 3 verses 1 through 17, and Rachel will be reading for us today.

[00:04:21] **David:** Let's read. Exodus 3 starting in verse 1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not

consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses."

And he said, "Here I am." [00:05:00] Then he said, "Do not come near. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, and I know their suffering.

And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them out of the land, out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites." Probably mispronounced all of those.

"And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the [00:06:00] children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for your people that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will, you shall serve God on the mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'

What shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord, the [00:07:00] God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob has appeared to me saying, "I have observed you I have observed you and what has done, what has been done to you in Egypt, and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

[00:07:23] **Adam:** All right, so marking references to God in a passage can help us clearly observe more about him. So what do we learn about God and his identity in this interaction with Moses?

[00:07:34] **David:** Well, first of all, he's in about every sentence.

Yeah.

Yeah. So this is obviously about God. Yeah, and what starts with some kind of strange phenomenon of what curiosity, what is this, what is this weird burning bush turns out to be the God of his fathers commissioning him to do something which seems to be impossible.

So much so he doesn't even know where to [00:08:00] start and how to even talk to the people about it and so yeah, there's a lot of mystery, there's a lot of revelation like, "Oh I didn't know this." So yeah, I think it's a very interesting thing. But one of the things I saw about God is He's the God who is not come Johnny, come lately Johnny.

Come Johnny lately? He's not new on the scene. Yeah ... this is the God who's been all the way back to Genesis 1, you know? This is the one that's that that has started it all. And so I love that He ties it to his fathers. And this is not some kind of new god that shows up.

And you gotta think, you gotta remember, in this culture, this context new gods are showing up all the time. There's always some kind of new god around the corner, and yet this one is the God who has come to rescue His people.

Yeah, you say His people. He calls the Israelites my people, so-

We see that this is, you know, the God [00:09:00] of the Israelites, the God of- ... the Hebrews. Yeah.

[00:09:02] **Corina:** Yeah, it stands out that He reveals Himself. I think you said that, David. He's like, He shows up and He reveals Himself in a way that's unmistakable for Moses not to pass Him by. Like, and He's been doing that, right?

He reveals Himself to Abraham, which kind of calls to him- ... "Go." "And go to the land- ... I'll show you, and I'll be with you." And so you've got this theme throughout scripture that comes up again in this important passage where it's like God's going to show up and seek us. And I think that's encouraging and, yeah, important that He starts the conversation.

[00:09:35] **Adam:** Love that Yeah. And his identity as a deliverer is revealed here, right? He says in verse eight that, "I have come down to deliver them." Yeah. And then what's interesting about that is that he invites Moses to participate in that, right? So then by verse 10, it's like, "I will send you that you can bring my people out of Egypt."

And it's like, oh, okay. Right. So it's not only a God who's [00:10:00] intervening, it's a God who's intervening in a way that involves his people that, yeah.

[00:10:05] **David:** I love the verse seven. He's coming there because he's heard their cry.

So it's a God who's in touch. It's a God who's connected. It's a God who's listening, I

[00:10:15] **Corina:** mean, those verbs are...

I love it. He didn't leave one out. I've seen it. I've heard it. I know it, and I've come down. So I've experienced it on, in every level, and I'm gonna step in, like you said, Adam, I'm gonna intervene, and it's gonna be between you and me to do you good.

[00:10:32] **David:** Yeah. You know, he cares, right?

He's a God who cares- Right. Exactly ... about what his people are going through. And then kind of like the pinnacle of this is God's name, right? In verse 14, we see his name reflecting his identity- ... I am who I am.

[00:10:47] **Adam:** Yeah, so let's dig into that a little more. So when you researched this name of God, I am who I am what did you discover?

[00:10:54] **David:** I got a new word. If I'm ever playing Scrabble, if I get this word, I will definitely have 100 [00:11:00] points. Tetragrammaton.

Oh.

It's a T-E-T-R-A-G-R-A-M-M-A-T-O-N. Think of all the points you get. Y-H-W-H. That's what it is. It's a tetragrammaton, and research shows it's used 6,000 times in the Old Testament.

So yeah, that's interesting, isn't it? And there's a lot if you do research, you'll find a lot of different opinions but the one I found to be most repeated is it's linked to this idea, this verb of to be.

I love that. It's like essence.

Yeah.

You know? Identity. I don't know. It's a, it's, it's an action.

It's a verb which is very cool. Yeah, that is a, I love that. And then the context ... Sorry, I'm so excited. it's been so long since we've been together, I'm just, I'm excited. The context here is they're in trouble. They need redemption, [00:12:00] they need rescue, they need deliverance, they need salvation.

And so he shows up with this name in that context, which tells me he's just not there, but he's there for them.

[00:12:15] **Rachel:** Right.

[00:12:15] **David:** His, his presence, his identity is their solution. He didn't say, "I've got a way out of here. I got some ideas, I got some suggestions," or, "I got a plan," or, "We could try this." No, he just, he's like, he shows up and says, "I am."

That'll take care of it. Come on.

That'll preach.

That'll preach.

Yeah. I love that you mentioned, like, the fact that it's a verb, 'cause that's what stuck out to me. 'Cause I don't know very ... I mean, there might be some names in our culture that are verbs, right? But, like, it's odd to have a verb as a name.

And I was reading that, like, the tense of this verb, like, denotes, like, ongoing action. And so there's, like, a ton of different ways we could actually translate this. Like, I am who I am, but also I will [00:13:00] be who I will be. I am who I was. Like there's so many different ways we could kinda translate it, 'cause it represents action that has happened in the past but is continuing in the future.

And so it's really cool kind of idea to think about how God is never not active. He is always being and unfolding and ongoing And I feel like this name is just a really cool... It's the name in and of itself invites us to continuously discover who God is- Hmm ... if that makes sense, as opposed to- Hmm

trying to, like, reach this place where you understand Him fully, which we know is impossible. Hmm. Right. But instead, it invites us to just continuously discover His identity which I think is really beautiful.

[00:13:43] **Corina:** Well, and it brings to attention, like you guys are saying, the context where the name shows up is so important that He doesn't reveal this name, you know, standing in a cloud somewhere, making an announcement to people, and He reveals it, like, in the dirt, like, in a [00:14:00] bush- Hmm

like, among His people. I'm going to be with you because I am who I am. And so it's like we look at that conversation in verses 11 and 12. Moses says, "Who am I that I should go?" And God says, "I'm gonna be with you." And at first blush, it looks like it's a non-answer, right? He asks you, "Who am I?" But God's answer is, "You're the person that I'm with.

You're my guy." And so it's like even, even in Genesis 1, in the beginning- Hmm ... God created the heavens and the Earth, it doesn't explain where God started, right? His preexistence, it's not out there. It has to do with us. It is the answer for what are we doing here? Who are we? What are we... you know, is God gonna do us good?

And so I just love that we get both in this passage so clearly. He's so gentle with Moses. He's so patient. He is so fixated on doing His people good, but at the same time, He's honest of I just am who I am. Like, I'm it. I am. You know? [00:15:00] And you're like, "Oh, okay." It's both

[00:15:03] **David:** Yeah.

[00:15:03] **Adam:** Yeah. I'm it.

Yeah. I love that, yeah. And the, you know, it's in the present tense, right? I am, but you can, you kinda get this sense of, oh, it's greater than just the here and now. It's the I am of eternity, this umbrella over all of creation, all that ever has been or will be, this I am. And so yeah, it's, it just feels majestic in nature.

But-

[00:15:32] **Corina:** Yeah.

[00:15:33] **Adam:** So how do you think this name, Yahweh relates to God's identity as God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

[00:15:44] **Corina:** Yeah, it's both. Like, the fact, again, that he pairs these together in the passage, that scripture shows us them side by side. This is God who is, and this is also the God of your fathers, the God you know.

And so we see in theological terms God's [00:16:00] transcendence, he's above and beyond us, and also his imminence. He's nearer than our own breath, like he's right by us. And it makes me think of a Uber ride I had recently, and it was like 3:00 in the morning, it was during Ramadan, and I'm trying to like, you know, talk to my driver and asking him about some of his customs and habits.

And at the end I thought, "Okay, we built a little bit of a friendship maybe. I'm gonna ask, you know, can I pray for you for anything?" And he was like, "You know, I don't really... No, we don't really..." According to him, he's like, "We don't really think of prayer like that, you know? I express gratitude, and then I continue to receive good gifts, but I don't like, I don't have an actual request that I would need to bring."

Hmm. And so it's like we don't see a God like that in this passage who kind of stands on a mountain and tells you what to do, and then you just say thanks and move on. Like, we see a God who comes near, and as we go throughout scripture, we'll see just how close he gets. He steps into our skin, and he, you know, comes to us in Jesus.

And [00:17:00] anyways, I think it's incredible that there's both in the passage, yeah, the God who is and the God of our fathers.

[00:17:07] **Rachel:** Yeah. It seems to go hand in hand with his identity of I am who I am. He mentions it three times, right? In verses, what is it? Six, and then 15, and then again in 16. So he does this list, "I am the God of your fathers, God of Abraham," three times.

And we know- ... in scripture when something's repeated like that, we should pay attention to it. So yeah, it seems to go hand in hand with this kind of name of his, I am who I am. That God is kind of this divine otherness, which his name kind of denotes. And when you think about that name, I am who I am, it's

We do our best, you know, with our knowledge of the context and the Hebrew to kind of fathom what that really means, but at the end of the day, that's a really holy name that's difficult for us to, like, grasp. Yeah ... but yet

God, in his grace and in his mercy, brings it down to Moses' level and says, "I'm the God of Abraham.

You know, you've heard [00:18:00] of Abraham. You've heard of Isaac. Like, I am their God, which means I'm your God, too." So it really personalizes it. And yeah, kinda like what you were saying, Karina, it's amazing that we get both in, in this passage.

Hmm.

[00:18:15] **David:** Yeah, it's so holy that the Jews wouldn't even say it.

[00:18:16] **Rachel:** Yeah.

[00:18:18] **David:** You know? Almost a, such a reverence to be careful. So yeah, it is... That's an interesting paradox, isn't it? He is so beyond, and yet he's so with. And to have those two in the same being is, is,

[00:18:34] **Corina:** Mm. Well, I mean, the juxtaposition is it's, like, it's stark. On the one hand, verse four or is it five?

Yeah, "Don't come near. The place on which you're standing is holy ground." And on the other hand, "Oh, who are you? Well, I'm going with you." Yeah. "That's all you need to know. You know, I'm gonna be there." So you're, you're gonna have this holy ground walking around with you. And we see that in the garden, you know?

God creates everything from nothing. He is, he's [00:19:00] there, he's the Lord, but he's the one who's walking and talking with Adam and Eve. He's strolling around. He's peeking behind bushes looking for these guys, you know. He is both from the very beginning. And of course, like I said, Jesus is the ultimate example of that.

But yeah, I love this passage.

[00:19:18] **David:** Y'all, I was just in Kazakhstan doing a Precept conference, and I was tasked to teach Revelation one to three, so the letters to the churches. Of course, chapter one is that incredible

introduction that he gets to Jesus and to God. And I was just thinking about the connections in Revelation 1, like in verse four John says to the seven churches that are in Asia, "Grace to you and peace from him," this is how he describes himself, "who is and who was and who is to come."

And then later down, further down in verse 8, God says, "I am the Alpha and the [00:20:00] Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come the Almighty." And so you have this almost Yahweh unpacking.

[00:20:11] **Corina:** Yeah.

[00:20:11] **David:** You know, it's not just the God who was, which oftentimes that's how we think about it, oh, he's the God of the Old Testament, he's that God there, but he's God today, and he's also God of tomorrow.

So he's not just the God of your fathers, he's the God of your children, and your children's children, and your grandchildren, and your great-great-great, you know. And so I love that. I love... And then of course Jesus steps into the into the, to the mix in Revelation and takes on some of those characteristics as well, which makes sense 'cause he's God as well.

But yeah, I just, when I was, when I was teaching that, and I knew we were gonna be doing this, this series, I was thinking, oh, that's, that's Yahweh.

[00:20:52] **Corina:** Yeah. You know? Well, it's amazing. It's all the possible... 'Cause I came across a lot of definitions too. I mean, the short answer, what does Yahweh mean, is we don't really [00:21:00] know, like you said, Rachel.

Yeah. Like, we've got some guesses. But that's amazing, David, 'cause it kind of corresponds to each of the possibilities, the major ones that I saw. I was who I was, I am who I am, I will be who I will be, right? So it sort of has that who is, who was- ... and who is to come spectrum in that name.

Yeah. And then you see it in Revelation. That's, that's cool.

[00:21:19] **David:** Yeah. And then you think about Jesus in the, in the in John, the I am passages, you know. And Jesus is gonna like one of 'em is, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life," you know. So there is a, there... Okay, that's not I know the way, and I can tell you the truth, and I can show you into the life.

No, he actually is to be. He is, he is that. You know, it's not, it's not that it comes with him or it's a benefit from him. That's who he is. Right. And that feels like when we go back to the scene in, in Exodus 3 and the people are crying out, and there's oppression, and this is [00:22:00] the, this is the whole, you know, 400 years of slavery in Egypt, and God shows up and says, "I'm here, and I am." Let's go. I'm with you. You know, it's the same way. I'm the way out of here. I'm the truth. I'm the life ahead. And Jesus carries that on for us in, in the Gospels.

[00:22:19] **Adam:** Yeah. That's great that he is existent. That is encouraging. So why does this name of God encourage you as you face life's challenges?

[00:22:31] **Corina:** Yeah. I need both, I think. You know? Yeah. Rachel knows I think probably the most, but I- we have had so many just tough things, I think, this year in my extended family, not so much immediate family. But yeah, you need both. You need a God who is self-sufficient and... doesn't need you at all,

Yet one who is happy to be called your God- ... one who wants to come down and partner with you, and who hears and who sees and who knows. And yeah, I think he- it's [00:23:00] important that I don't have that view of, you know, He's out there, and I'm just gonna be grateful and, you know, see what He does in my life.

Like, no, I need to come to Him, and I can do that. I can draw near boldly, Scripture says, right? It is holy ground, but I'm able to stand just right by Him because of what Christ has done. So yeah, I think seeing God's otherness and nearness together in this passage is... it's important theologically- but it's important when you're walking through a difficult thing- ... that God is both

[00:23:32] **Rachel:** Yeah, I was really encouraged by kind of Moses's experience here, or actually I can relate to it 'cause it's like oftentimes we go through life not knowing what to do. And he goes, "Who am I to do this? How am I gonna do...

You know, I'm just Moses." And I think we often have that. Like, "I'm just Rachel," you know? Like, how am I gonna get through this difficult thing? Yeah. Or how am I gonna do this thing that you're calling me to? Or-

Yeah ...

whatever it might be. And we like to have all the answers in those [00:24:00] challenges and in those times.

We wanna know the step-by-step. We wanna know black and white how to tackle it and yet this is a really good encouragement that all we really need is I am who I am, is Yahweh. You know? Yeah. When Moses says, "Who am I to do this? How am I gonna do this?" God says- ... "I will be with you. I am will be with you."

And so it's a good reminder when we're facing difficult things, we don't have all the answers, and it doesn't feel very black and white, that as long as we have God, which we do-

...

[00:24:29] **Rachel:** He will be with us, and we'll get through it, and He will guide us and show us the way, so it's encouraging to me.

[00:24:36] **Corina:** Well, and I love, Rachel, to your point, I love that God, He takes those questions, and we've already said He sort of answers them roundabout or answers them the way they need to be answered. But in verse 12, I found it interesting that He says, "I'm gonna be with you, and this is gonna be your sign that I've sent you.

When you've brought the people out of Egypt, you're gonna serve God on this mountain." God says, "You're gonna know I sent you when you [00:25:00] come back to this place." Hmm. Hmm. When you've finished the

work, you're gonna know. Hmm. I mean, that means Moses is gonna be going, "Oh my gosh, is this... Am I on the right path?

Am I the right guy?" Yeah. "Is this really happening?" Hmm. Until he comes back to that full circle moment. And so it's like we have to... We have the presence of God with us, but we don't have that reassurance or that 100% confidence of how it's gonna turn out all the time. Like, we just have His presence, and that's enough.

And anyway, it just made me think of that.

[00:25:29] **Rachel:** That's good. Yeah.

[00:25:30] **David:** That's so good. Yeah. That... Corina, that'll preach. I mean, that's... It's almost like the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints of, you know, you'll know fully, completely when it's done.

Yeah.

Which implies a need to stay close and to hang on.

Yes.

Right? Yes. So it's not like I've got a ticket, you know, the whole idea of I'm just got my entrance ticket into heaven, and that's... You know, I'm just waiting for it to happen. I'll [00:26:00] actually know in the end this is The reality. Yeah the truth. Yeah. That's... Oh, I hadn't thought about that. There's

[00:26:06] **Corina:** a fuller confidence at that point.

Like, I think He's saying, "I'm gonna be with you," so He does reassure him, He does give him, instill some confidence, but we know the road is long. I mean, He says, "You're gonna go, and Pharaoh's not gonna let you." And what do the elders and Moses do as soon as that happens? They go to God and go, "Hey, why did you sign us up for this?"

Like, so He knows there's gonna be lots of periods of questioning and doubts as the, as the path unfolds, and so He's like, "You're gonna know fully at that point." Yeah. When, when it's finished.

[00:26:35] **David:** That's good. Yeah. I like that. For me, it the comfort, it comes from... It's gonna sound backwards at first, so hold on.

But He's independent. He's fully capable. He is all-wise. He needs nothing. He longs for nothing. There's nothing that makes Him fuller or better or more satisfied. So He's completely [00:27:00] self-contained And I find peace in that because I realize that my safety's in His hands and nothing can take it. You know?

And so He's not gonna bargain me away. He's not gonna go, "Oh, I found something better than David. Let me go with, you know, so and so," or, "Let me go with this instead," or, "David's not quite what I was... Mm, maybe there's something better." He's not gonna trade me in right? He's, 'Cause He needs nothing. And so if He's locked his love and affection and commitment on me-

[00:27:29] **Rachel:** Yeah

[00:27:30] **David:** then it's trustworthy. That's trustworthy. It's worthy of His, of my trust in Him because of His independence. Now, I know some people might hear that and think, oh, God's isolated or away or far or distant and not connected, but I... You've pointed out, Karina, He says, "I but I will be with you."

Yeah. I love that. That, I love that but there. Hold on. Hold on. You're missing- Wait. Wait. You wanna know, you wanna know my name? Yeah. You wanna know you know, you wanna [00:28:00] know who's, who is who should I go to? I want you to know I am with you.

[00:28:05] **Corina:** Yeah.

[00:28:06] **David:** Well, and that but- So to have... Yeah ...

[00:28:08] **Corina:** that but is interesting because, you know, who am I?

You could read it rhetorically. I think in 2 Samuel 7 when David goes, "Hey, who am I?" It's kind of rhetorical. He's not really looking for an answer. So if Moses means it more like, "Man, who am I to do this?" Kind of humbly, and we know he is a humble man from Deuteronomy, then God's, "But I will be with you" is actually like an oomph.

Like a, yeah, you're nobody, but I will be with you, you know? I don't know. It's just... Yeah. It's all we need- ... to know, and yet it- ... it's still such a fascinating response.

[00:28:42] **Adam:** So, what could it look like to incorporate the name Yahweh into your relationship with Him?

[00:28:48] **Rachel:** Mm. I think for me, allowing this name to come to the surface of my prayers and consciousness when maybe I'm, like, [00:29:00] curious about what God's up to when I'm curious about His unfolding presence, about His activity, and we see this at the very beginning.

I think, David, you mentioned this at the beginning. The very beginning of this story is rooted in curiosity. Moses sees this bush, it's burning, and instead of going, "Ooh, spooky, I'm gonna get out of here," he goes- ... "Let me go check that out," you know? I'm curious about what's going on with that bush, and I think that's just...

And that's when, you know, God reveals. It says, "When the Lord saw he, that he had turned aside to see, God called out to him." And so I think there's a lesson in that, right? That we don't always know what God's up to, but that doesn't mean we should Not bother God about it or not be curious about it, but we can lean into that curiosity, especially in the faces of suffering and challenges.

We tend to have those questions. What is God up to? I don't understand. So kind of allowing-- when I'm feeling that thought of curiosity whether it's a [00:30:00] positive curiosity or whether it's a difficult curiosity, a suffering curiosity using that name of Yahweh, I am who I am, and allowing it to inspire curiosity to kind of lean in and see what God's doing a little more.

[00:30:15] **Corina:** Yeah, God wants us to turn aside and look and to notice. It's freeing to realize that He's already ahead of us. You know, we don't have to, like, get Him going on this plan. He's already working, and we just need to notice. Yeah. I think for me, you know, God, I will be with you. I think my takeaway, or my so what or my how do I incorporate this, is I wanna be with the God who is with me.

I want to Yeah, recognize Him in the bush, want to draw near to Him. You know, I like that God kind of preempts... It's almost as if He knew Moses would wanna come closer and says, "Don't, don't come near. Take your sandals off." And there is this, like, I'm a little bit afraid, but I wanna, I wanna see what this is [00:31:00] about.

I wanna see who this God is. And so, anyway, I think of the Psalms, you know, they repeatedly say, "The Lord is at my right hand." But you need to actually be aware of Him at your right hand to get to the next part, which is, "I will never be shaken." He, he's at your right hand, but if you don't notice Him, if you're not paying attention, if you're not leaning into His presence, you will be shaken.

And that's not on any fault of His. That's just my own failure to be aware of Him and to be with Him. So yeah, I just think drawing near to Him who draws near to me is how I would try to incorporate this passage and this name into my life.

[00:31:34] **Adam:** Yeah, that's great. Yeah, and I think the, just that He is in a, in a world that's constantly sowing doubt, where we're, you know, wondering, "Okay, what is even real anymore?"

Just that confident statement of He is, is something that I can incorporate. And I love that we're talking a lot about this interaction with Moses at [00:32:00] the burning bush, and, you know, I don't think God was being coy with His answer. It's like, "Oh, I am who I am," you know, or whatever. Right. Like He's not, and He's not using it as an excuse for bad behavior like we might sometimes do.

"Well, that's just who I am, you know? I can't change," kind of thing. No, it's not being coy, but concrete, and it's not an excuse, but He's being very

explicit in who He is, and I love that. But yeah, a casual reading we might think, oh, well, He just doesn't really wanna reveal who He is. But He, I think He reveals so much in this statement as we've discussed, and to me that's something that I can think about and apply in my relationship with Him.

[00:32:41] **David:** And maybe a practical exercise is to start using the name Yahweh, which is just a good reminder, right? Of everything that we're talking about. So instead of just God this, God that, sometimes talk about Yahweh.

[00:32:52] **Corina:** Yeah.

[00:32:52] **Adam:** Yeah.

[00:32:53] **David:** I think that's a, I think that's a good practical way to kind of keep this in front of me.

[00:32:57] **Adam:** Sure.

[00:32:57] **Corina:** Yeah.

[00:32:58] **Adam:** All right. Well, we're gonna wrap up with [00:33:00], so what, so let's talk practical. What are some personal takeaways from studying this passage?

[00:33:06] **David:** I'm with you is my favorite promise of all scripture. So, I've always thought that, like when Joshua's going into the thing, and he's like, "I'll be with you.

Don't... And, you know, it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter who's there, it doesn't matter what comes, I'm with you." And so, yeah, so my so what is I can do anything 'cause I'm with he's with me. I don't need to fear, I don't need to worry, I don't need to be anxious. And, of course, fear and worry and anxiousness come.

But this is the, this is the one of the ways I neutralize it. Yeah. I remind myself, he's with me you know. I remember in my trip overseas recently,

you know, I'm in Russia and I mean, I'm in Kazakhstan, and they speak Russia there, and I don't speak Russian at all. But I, you know what?

I wasn't worried at all because my really [00:34:00] good friend who was with me, who's from Kazakhstan, speaks Russian and knows the culture. And to add to it, he's six feet five and about 300 pounds. So it was, you know- ... I felt great. It was like, you know what? I feel good. He is with me. And so I think the same here with Yahweh.

He is, he's with me.

[00:34:20] **Adam:** Yeah. Very, very similar for me in reading this text, really looking for those action words, those verbs. And so you have, you know, the I am, I'm right here, and now I'm revealing myself. But also, as we've discussed, I'm the God of your father. I've been here, and I've been...

I've not been inactive. I've been seeing, I've been hearing, I've been observing what's been happening to my people. Now I'm coming to act. And then all the I wills. I will send you, I'll be with you, I'll bring you up out of Egypt. I'm gonna do wonders. I'm gonna show you favor. Just so many promises of what is to come [00:35:00] is such an encouragement to trust him in the here and now.

[00:35:02] **David:** And Adam, what a great example of making a list. Just make a list of what you did with the verbs, and wow, you've got something you can cling to. I think that's, that's brilliant.

[00:35:08] **David:** I think for me, my kind of takeaway, it's funny to say my takeaway is just his name, but like in the nuance of his name is to know that like, you know, I've been a, I've been in a relationship with God for a long time since I was a kid.

And, you know, I think we can all say that it's our-- we aspire in life just to know God more and more each day. And this name is so encouraging. Kind of my takeaway is God has shown me who he is when I was a kid, you know? And even today, I am learning more about who he is every day. And then as I look to the future, he will continue to show me who he is, and he will do so according to my need.

Like we said here, like Moses and his people have a very felt need, and God comes down as their [00:36:00] deliverer and reveals himself to them in a new, fresh way, and God will continue to do that in my life. And I think that's my takeaway, is just to kind of be curious and look forward to how God will continue to reveal himself to me in my life, in the mundane, but also when I have really felt needs, specific needs.

[00:36:19] **Corina:** Yeah. I think mine's almost, almost the opposite or the counterpart to that, Rachel, that. I think, yeah, God is... He's the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We're gonna see Him continue to reveal Himself to His people, right? We'll find out later in Exodus that God hasn't revealed Himself this way before.

He's never shown up in this way, like you said. And yet He's the same God, like Adam said. And so I guess I- I'm putting those together, and we didn't talk about this much, but when, a lot of times when you see the capital L-O-R-D in your Bible, it's signaling that this is this special name of God, this-
Yeah

What'd you say, David? Tetra?

[00:36:57] **David:** Tetragrammaton.

[00:36:58] **Corina:** Thank you. [00:37:00] Yes, it's that, right? And so I'm used to now whenever I learned that fun fact, I just buried it away. You know, I'm used to seeing that capital L-O-R-D and thinking, "That's, that's Yahweh, that's covenant, that's promise, that's faithfulness, that's never changes, that is my God always."

And so I think, yeah, just the, this also the static side of God's character is the part that I'm taking of like, yeah, He's, He's the one that was with His people before, and He's still with them and still with me. He's covenanted with me. He's made that promise I think is my takeaway. Mm.

[00:37:36] **Adam:** Awesome.

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[00:38:32] **Adam:** All right, it is time for Take It or Leave It. Corina, what do you have?

[00:38:36] **Corina:** Okay. My Take It or Leave It might not be that controversial. I was thinking about and I was like, "Actually, I have a strong opinion about this now," is breakfast for dinner.

[00:38:45] **Rachel:** Hmm.

[00:38:46] **Corina:** Do you like breakfast for dinner? I'll go first. I actually think that I would never want breakfast for dinner again, and I don't know if that's 'cause our, like, you know, paycheck hasn't dropped meal as kids was, like, eggs. So [00:39:00] I don't know if that's it, but I don't ever crave breakfast food for dinner anymore.

So I'm leaving it.

[00:39:07] **Adam:** Hmm. Hmm. Well, I'll-

[00:39:07] **David:** Gosh, that's depressing ...

[00:39:088] **Adam:** It is. Oh. It's sad. I will- I'm sorry ... We used to, we used to get excited for it as kids. It w- I don't know why. Right ... Guess 'cause it

was just a surprise and we're like, "Oh, it's breakfast for dinner." So yeah, I'll still do it occasionally. Actually, last night I had breakfast for dinner.

[00:39:23] **Rachel:** Really?

[00:39:24] **Adam:** Yeah. Made some scrambled- That's funny ... scrambled eggs.

[00:39:27] **Corina:** Oh, there you go.

[00:39:28] **Rachel:** Yeah. I am not against it as a concept, but I'm kinda with you, Corina. I never crave breakfast for dinner. I don't really do it, so I'm gonna leave it, I guess. Yeah.

[00:39:39] **Rachel:** There you go.

[00:39:40] **David:** Oh, my gosh. Yeah. I love breakfast for dinner.

That's what I don't know, whether it's cozy or something. I don't know. It's, I did do a seven-day egg fast where I ate nothing but eggs for seven days, and- What? ... I can say- Why? ... I can say I didn't want eggs for, like, a month after that. Ugh But yeah, I love [00:40:00] bacon and eggs and toast, mm, and jelly Yum.

[00:40:08] **Rachel:** Can we make that the only clip from this episode? I- Yeah. I sold it. I love- Yes. That was good.

[00:40:14] **David:** That was good ... I mean, isn't it Cracker Barrel that serves- Yes. Yeah ... breakfast for dinner?

[00:40:19] **Rachel:** They do.

[00:40:19] **Adam:** Yeah. All day long.

[00:40:21] **David:** Waffle House serves breakfast for dinner. Those are two fine establishments.

[00:40:24] **Adam:** They are.

They're two very fine ones. And what's weird is nobody does dinner for breakfast. It's like it doesn't- So odd ... doesn't work the other way around.

[00:40:33] **David:** Actually, in Northern Ireland, they eat, like, meat and beans and vegetables for breakfast.

[00:40:40] **Corina:** They eat a lot of meat in Israel

[00:40:42] **Corina:** Yeah ... for breakfast.

[00:40:45] **David:** Yeah, I don't, I wasn't a big fan of that. Like, oh, this is too soon for beans. Okay.

[00:40:55] **Corina:** Says the guy who ate only eggs for seven days. Yeah.

[00:40:57] **Adam:** Well, they... Right.

[00:40:59] **Rachel:** [00:41:00] To fence his palate.

[00:41:02] **Adam:** Yeah, the, I mean, the full English breakfast, you got, you got beans on that plate, along with sausages and many other things, so to each his own. All right. Yeah. I can't do the full egg all egg all day.

There, there's a limit for me with eggs and so- It

[00:41:19] **David:** wasn't bad except I had to eat seven eggs at each meal. So that's where- Oh my gosh ... that's where it got a little- Is it fatal? Yes, it's really good. It's good for your liver. Is it? ... it's like a detox. Yeah.

[00:41:30] **Corina:** I feel like your cholesterol would not be so good after that, though, no?

[00:41:33] **David:** Oh, that's so old. Okay. I don't know.

[00:41:36] **Adam:** Gosh, you don't...

[00:41:41] **Corina:** I'm living on a prayer when it comes to... I guess we gotta talk offline.



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[00:41:45] **Adam:** Yeah. So I guess we should wrap up this episode in, whenever we talk about food, take it or leave it, we could just do a whole other episode on that topic.

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