



A Weekly Worship Guide

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"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

Sermon Recap

Ever hear someone say that they “prefer the God of the New Testament over the God of the Old Testament”? If so, it’s likely due to passages of scripture like this one from Exodus. Like many other passages of scripture, many from the Old Testament, it seems to describe a God so very different from what we know about God through Jesus Christ. And so, what if we misunderstood God? What if we even misunderstand God, today? At first thought, this can feel very threatening toward the Bible. But it really isn’t. Rather it’s just understanding the Bible with greater nuance and discovering an amazing beauty within scripture. Today, we explore a new way of reading scripture and discovering a beauty within, all while gaining a better understanding of who God is.

When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had lost control of them, prompting derision among their enemies), then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the Lord’s side? Come to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. He said to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Put your sword on your side, each of you! Go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill your brother, your friend, and your neighbor.” The sons of Levi did as Moses commanded, and about three thousand of the people fell on that day. Moses said, “Today you have been ordained for the service of the Lord, each one at the cost of a son or a brother, and so have brought a blessing on yourselves this day.”
— Exodus 32:25-29

Applied to My Life:

Pastor Brian used a saying: “I think you misunderstood me” (ITYMM). It’s a way of reminding ourselves throughout scripture that we aren’t always the best at representing and speaking for God, *even when we are being faithful*. What are some of the things you once thought you understood about God, that you now realize were misunderstandings (*i.e. bad things happen to good people because they haven’t prayed enough*)?

Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: