

**“Good, Good Father”**

**<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; <sup>7</sup> who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”**  
(Exodus 34:6-7 – NASB95)

• Num. 14:18; 2 Chron. 30:9; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 108:4; 111:4; 116:5; 145:8; Joel 2:13

1. Name: “The LORD, the LORD God” (Ex. 3:14)

2. Compassionate / Merciful (Heb. 2:14-18; Is. 63:9; Ps. 103:13)

3. Gracious (Rom. 5:8)

“Nothing of good in us attracted God to us! He loves us because He will love us, and when once He has set His love upon us because He would, He will not withdraw it; but, in spite of our sin, our wandering, our waywardness, He who loved us because He would, will continue to love us because He will.” (F. B. Meyer)

4. Slow to Anger / Longsuffering

5. Abounding in Lovingkindness

6. Abounding in Truth / Faithfulness (Is. 65:16; Jer. 10:10; Ps. 25:5; 51:6; 86:11)

7. Forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin

8. Holy / Just (Ex. 20:5; Heb. 12:5-11)

## Discussion & Application:

1. Older generations in America often say that they are fearful of what the world will be like when their children and grandchildren grow up. They don't want them to grow up in a world filled with \_\_\_\_\_. What are some of the things that people are fearful of (anxious about) in the future? What are we supposed to do with these anxious thoughts? How does a proper view of God help with these thoughts / emotions?
2. Read Ex. 33. What is the context of God passing by and describing Himself to Moses in Ex. 34:6-7? Why does He do this? What word does God use to describe what will pass in front of Moses? (see Ex. 33:19) What does this have to do with God's glory?
3. The statement in Ex. 34:6-7 is quoted in full or in part in 10 other places in the Old Testament (Num. 14:18; 2 Chron. 30:9; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 108:4; 111:4; 116:5; 145:8; Joel 2:13). Read each passage in its context. What is the point the author is making by quoting this description of God? What applications were the people supposed to make? How were the people supposed to respond in order to experience these glorious truths about God?
4. Think through and discuss each of the 7 descriptions of God from Ex. 34:6-7. How does (should) a deeper understanding of each name or attribute help us face the future with confidence and enthusiasm no matter what obstacles we (or future generations) may face?
  - The LORD, the LORD God
  - Compassionate
  - Merciful
  - Slow to anger
  - Abounding in lovingkindness
  - Abounding in truth
  - Forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin
  - Will not leave the guilty unpunished (holy / just)
5. What was Moses' response to what God revealed about His goodness and glory? (see Ex. 34:8). How does worshipping God help us when we are facing seemingly impossible situations? How does worshipping God help us when the future looks like it is getting worse, not better? What practical applications can you make from this when you begin to feel fearful / anxious about your future or the future of people you love?
6. What request does Moses make in Ex. 34:9? Why does he do that? What is the connection with Ex. 33?
7. How does knowing that our Good, Good Father is going with us everywhere we go help us face the future with confidence?
8. What does God promise He will do for Moses and the people in Exodus 34:10-17? What warnings does He give them about idolatry? Why does God bring up idolatry? How does idolatry hurt us?
9. Idolatry can be the worship of completely false gods (carved wood, etc.) or it can be worshipping the true God with false thoughts about Him. What are some false thoughts we could have of the true God that hinder us from experiencing His grace, love, faithfulness, kindness, goodness, etc.? [Hint: think of how Legalists view God and how Libertines view God]
10. Some commentators have used the word "sovereign" as an umbrella term for Ex. 34:6-7. What does the word sovereign mean? How does the sovereignty of God combined with the goodness of God give you confidence and joy about the future?

# Father's Day 2020

Encourage you in the LORD!

1 Sam. 23:16

1 Sam. 30:6

Nehemiah 2

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I've heard a thousand stories of **what they think you're like**  
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good good father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you, It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen **many searching for answers far and wide**  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word

# Overview of Exodus

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So What?

How was this applied in other passages of Scripture?

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2 Chron. 30:9

Neh. 9:17

Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 108:4; 111:4; 116:5; 145:8

Joel 2:13

Jonah 3:10 – 4:2