

# The Life Challenge

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**Text:** Exodus 34:1-12  
**Speaker:** Mike Olynyk  
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## WARM-UP

Share one thing that stood out to you from this past weekend's worship service.

## DISCUSSION

**Mike opened the teaching Sunday by talking about pet dogs; how we love to show them off, play with them and cuddle them. He made a parallel to the way people treat God as a BFF or companion.**

- Do you agree? And if so, in what ways do you notice this?

**Mike's fun thing to think through: Compare Ex 31:17-19 and 40:1-3. Compare the difference between Tablets 1.0 and 2.0.**

- Do you think Moses made a mistake in his anger by dropping the tablets? Why or why not?
- Do you think Moses was punished or taught a lesson in the way God went about making Tablets 2.0?

**Mike equated the Israelites desert journey to our lives, both waiting and moving, as Ex 40:34-38 shows.**

- Tell of a time where life seemed as if you felt stuck, waiting for the pillar to move?
- How did you feel and how did you react?
- If you are currently in a time of waiting consider sharing that with the group. This is a great chance to be vulnerable and be prayed for.

**Tell of a time when there was a clear call to act or move (ie. the pillar moving ahead).**

- How did you experience this and what was your reaction?

**What does it/could it mean in your life to know that the Lord of Hosts goes before you?**

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**The re-covenanting that God does with Moses is mostly about what God will do for Israel, but it also speaks about the Israelites' task of obeying.**

- In what ways are you following through with obedience and in what ways do you need to let go of your desires and surrender to God?
- Is there a correlation between us following through in obedience and God going before us? In other words, are there times in your life when you have really trusted/ followed God and times you haven't?
- How have you experienced the Lord of Hosts going before you, or not going before you, in those times?

**Mike talked about the difference between a prosperity gospel, and God coming alongside us as we worship Him with our lives.**

- How are the two different?