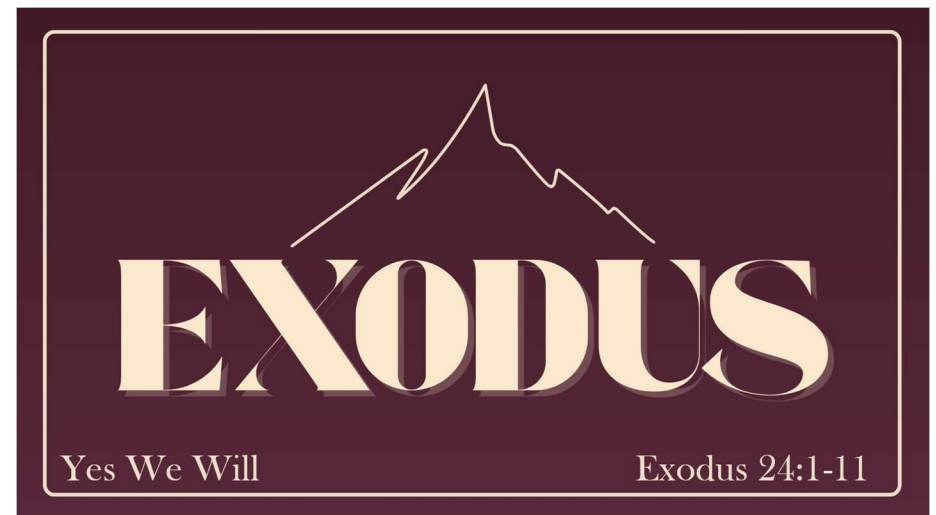


## Vs. 9-11 – Covenant Brought Them Into Fellowship with God

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1. Before the covenant, the people were terrified to come near God (Exodus 20:18-19). After, they "beheld God, and ate and drank" in His presence. What changed?
2. The elders shared a meal in God's presence. What does that teach us about God's desire for relationship rather than mere religion?
3. Why do many Christians struggle to believe they are truly welcomed into God's presence?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What's the difference between approaching God's throne with fear and approaching it "boldly"?
5. Where in your life do you still relate to God more like the trembling Israelites at the foot of the mountain than like someone invited to His table?
6. How does knowing that through Christ, we have been welcomed into God's presence, change how we relate to Him?

# Sermon Discussion Points for



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**Read Exodus 24:1-11 – God invited His people Israel into a covenant relationship through which they could enjoy fellowship with Him. His faithfulness in keeping His covenant, and their inability to do so point forward to the New Covenant through Christ, who perfectly kept the Law and welcomes us into an eternal covenant relationship with God.**

Have you ever made a promise — sincerely, in the moment — that you later couldn't keep? What made it hard to follow through?

### Vs.1-3– God's People Promised Obedience

1. In verse 3, the people respond to God's commands with "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do" — without a full understand of what they were promising. What's the difference between eager sincerity and true readiness?
2. How do we tend to overpromise and under deliver in the promises we make to God? Why can't we keep those promises?
3. How is obedience more about a heart posture than the ability to perfectly obey?
4. Looking at two heart postures in children — one bent toward rebellion, one that wants to obey but struggles. Which one better describes your walk with God at different seasons of your life?
5. How does God express His heart to His children who desire to obey, but struggle sometimes?

6. Read 1 John 1:6-10. What does it look like practically to "walk in the light" — not sinless, but not hiding sin either?
7. What's one area where God has been patiently growing your obedience over the last year?

### Vs. 4-8 – A Covenant Was Established

1. A covenant was a solemn, binding agreement between God and His people with specific promises to perform certain actions. What did the covenant God established with His people through Moses require? Why couldn't the people keep their end of the deal?
2. Why do you think Moses wrote down God's words before the covenant was confirmed?
3. How does understanding that Jesus obeyed perfectly on your behalf change the way you view your failures?
4. Read Matthew 5:17 and Luke 22:19-20. How does Jesus fulfilling the old covenant change the terms of our relationship with God from "our ability" to "His ability"?
5. How does it change your perspective to know that your standing with God is resting entirely on Christ's obedience rather than your own?
6. How does God's perfect faithfulness motivate us to pursue faithfulness in our own lives?

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