

# Summary

The sermon focuses on God's jealousy as described in Exodus 34, distinguishing between ungodly jealousy (resentment of others' success) and godly jealousy (protecting established covenants). Through comparing Moses and Aaron's leadership styles, the pastor illustrates how godly jealousy manifests through intimacy with God, trust in His word, and willingness to sacrifice for the covenant relationship.

The message emphasizes that God's jealousy is not like human jealousy born of insecurity, but rather stems from His desire to protect His covenant relationship with His people. The pastor challenges listeners to examine whether they lead like Moses (prioritizing intimacy with God) or like Aaron (focused on external religious actions without true relationship).

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your word and Your character, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to understand Your jealous love for us. Help us to see how Your jealousy is different from human jealousy, and guide our discussion to draw us closer to You. May we learn to trust You more deeply through our time together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

Have you ever had someone be protective of their relationship with you? How did that make you feel?

## Key Verses

1. Exodus 34:14
2. Matthew 7:21-23
3. Ephesians 5:25-27
4. Luke 9:23-25

## Questions

1. What is the difference between godly jealousy and ungodly jealousy as described in the sermon?
2. How does Moses demonstrate choosing intimacy with God over duty? What can we learn from his example?
3. Why do you think Aaron chose to listen to the people instead of God? How might we make similar choices today?
4. What does it mean practically to trust God at His word in your daily life?
5. How can we identify and remove idols that distract us from our relationship with God?
6. What does it cost you personally to follow Jesus? Have you had to give anything up for your faith?
7. How does understanding God's jealous love change your perspective on His commands and restrictions?
8. In what ways can we cultivate a Moses-like leadership style in our families and relationships?

# Life Application

This week, identify one area where you've been operating like Aaron (focused on external actions or people-pleasing) rather than like Moses (prioritizing intimacy with God). Make a specific plan to shift your focus toward seeking God's presence first in that area. This might mean starting your day in prayer instead of checking emails, or choosing to trust God's guidance over worldly wisdom in a decision you're facing.

## Key Takeaways

1. God's jealousy is about protecting His covenant relationship with His people, not insecurity
2. True spiritual leadership chooses intimacy with God before duty and performance
3. Following God requires trusting His word and being willing to give up competing loyalties
4. Who we choose to align ourselves with (through marriage, business, etc.) impacts our covenant relationship with God
5. Being in covenant with God will cost us something, but the relationship is worth the sacrifice

## Ending Prayer

Lord God, thank You for being jealous for our hearts and for protecting Your covenant relationship with us. Help us to be more like Moses - seeking Your presence first, trusting Your word completely, and willing to sacrifice anything that competes with our devotion to You. Give us the courage to lead our families and live our lives in ways that honor our covenant with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.