



## #1 YHWH - The Great "I Am."

*"God is not a distant deity; He is a God who longs to be known intimately."  
~John Mark Comer~*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Genesis 1:1*

God = Hebrew אֱלֹהִים "ELOHIM" - A Title, Not a Name

*When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look,  
God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ....  
Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the  
God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.  
Exodus 3:2-4 & 6*

*Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your  
fathers has sent me to you' And they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell  
them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I  
AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14*

"I Am" [1st person] = Hebrew אֶהְיֶה "EH YEH"

"He Will Be" [3rd person] = Hebrew הָיָה "YaHWeH" - Substitute LORD [All Caps]

YHWH + ADONAY = YAHOWAH (artificial word) = JEHOVAH

### **The TRANSCENDENT Nature of YHWH:**

#1. The Great I Am Is Self- EXISTENT.

*God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has  
sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14*

#2. The Great I Am Is Self- DEFINING.

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands  
Psalm 19:1*

#3. The Great I Am Is UNCHANGING.

*"For I, the Lord, do not change. Malachi 3:6*

## The IMMANENT Character of YHWH:

### #1. The Great Am Is COMPASSIONATE

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people ... I have heard them crying out... I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them.

Exodus 3:8

### #2. The Great I Am Is WITH Us.

And God said, "I will be with you. Exodus 3:12

### #3. The Great I Am Is A PROMISE Keeper.

God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. Exodus 2:24

# Life Group Discussion Questions

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- If you were picking names for your child, what are some names you would never use? Why?
- Is someone's name important? Why? Why not?
- Briefly complete the sentence; "God is....". Share with your group.

### **Read Genesis 1:1-3.**

- What does this passage tell you about "Elohim" [God]? What doesn't it tell you?

### **Read Exodus 3:1-15.**

In this passage God introduces Himself by his personal, eternal name "I Am"

Translated in Hebrew as YHWH [Yahweh] – However Jews would not even say this name out loud because it was so holy. What does that say about their view of God?

- How does your view of God impact the way you honor, respect, and worship Him?
- Pastor Shaun showed us 3 aspects of God's transcendent nature revealed by the name YHWH. He is 1) Self-Existent. 2) He is Self-Defining 3) He is Unchanging. Which of these aspects of His nature is the hardest for you to grasp? Which aspects of His nature is the most comforting?
- Of the three aspects of God's Immanent Character revealed by the name YHWH; 1) He is Compassionate 2) He is With Us 3) He is A Promise Keeper. Which aspect have you come to experience the most? Explain.

### Sources:

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