



## Sermon: Check Your Connection | By Josh Carter | October 4, 2015

### INTRODUCTION

Wireless internet connections tend to vary in strength. We often lose connectivity as we drift further away from the power source or have too many users connected to the same source. The same is true for our relationship with God. The further we drift from God and the more distractions we have can weaken our connection to Him. Consider this as you discuss the following questions:

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a story when you relied on a wireless connection or cellphone signal that failed.
2. In Exodus 3 God is asking Moses to complete a task. Moses replies by asking, "What am I that I should go...?" Why do you believe this was his first response to God's request? Why is this a popular response from us even still today?
3. Moses revealed these 3 inadequacies about himself: he was not eloquent, had killed someone and did not know God. Josh referred to these as "distractions" in Moses's connection with God. What are some other "distractions" we may battle?
4. Read Exodus 33: 15 – 16. Tragic events happen that can deter our faith. Josh told us not to give God credit for the devil's work. Instead we should know that God is in our response. What does this mean?
5. God promised that when His presence goes with us, we will have rest, peace and life. Describe what it feels like to have a relationship with God.
6. Josh told us 3 things we can do to have a stronger connection with God: intent, focus and intimacy with God. What does it mean to be intentional with God? What does it mean to have focus on God? What does it mean to be intimate with God?
7. What is one thing you can do this week to strengthen your connection with God?

### THINKING FORWARD

Like Moses, we often get distracted from God's promises by our own past mistakes. Remember that when the enemy says we're not good enough, you can call on God, "I am". Remember, he is with you. Remember you can feel **Free With Intent**, **Focus** and **Intimacy** with God.

### VERSES TO GO

*The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14)*

### PRAYER

As you close in prayer, pray that each person intently pursue God this week to help create a stronger connection with Him.