

## Wednesday

Read: **Exodus 34:8** *Mourning for Moses*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Recall some stories about Moses. Reflect on his life as someone chosen by God to be a leader.*
2. *What concerns might the people have had when they learned Moses had passed?*

**Prayer Focus** God, we grieve over some of the suffering and struggle in our world. It can seem that you are missing, that we have lost our leadership, but even in grief, we are confident that you are with us. We are in your hands.

## Thursday

Read: **Exodus 34:** *Transition of power*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Joshua was trained as Moses' replacement. What might he face as a leader of the Israelites in a new life, a new land?*
2. *What are your concerns when there's a change of leadership or power in some part of your life?*

**Prayer Focus** Thank you, God, for the faith and wisdom of Moses, who thought about his people's future and prepared. Help us face the future, ready to be servants, ready to help and heal, and even lead.

## Friday

Read: **Exodus 34:10-12** *Moses' legacy*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does it mean to you to live a life of faith, even when you can't see what's ahead?*
2. *Pray today for leaders in faith and in community, trusting God to support and guide them.*

**Prayer Focus** Moses knew God, face to face, yet he also brought God to all the people he served. We are grateful to be part of his legacy of faith, and to bear his mandate to move on from the past, into a new world.

## *Live by Faith Nonetheless*

Pastor's message: Exodus 34:1-12

Message Notes:



## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What would you like to have as your epitaph?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Exodus 34:1-12**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)

## LIVE BY FAITH NONETHELESS

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### Monday

**Read: Exodus 34:1-4** *Moses sees the Promised Land*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did God lead Moses all the way to the new land only to refuse let hm enter?*
2. *How would you feel if you were in Moses' place? Why do you think Moses didn't try to persuade God to let him in?*

**Prayer Focus** Moses saw the wonder of the new land, God, just as you promised. But he had to take it on faith that you would go on, steadfast in your word, even if he was no longer in the story. Grant us the same faith to live this day.

### Tuesday

**Read: Exodus 34: 5-7** *The death of Moses*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you think the people felt about God denying Moses into the land?*
2. *Why was Moses buried in such anonymity? Can you think of a fitting epitaph for Moses?*

**Prayer Focus** God, you chose Moses to lead your people, even when all they wanted was to abandon it all and go backward into the past. Help us to have faith and joy in the new things you have in store for us.