



Fresh Air: Gasp!

GOD SAID TO MOSES, "I AM WHO I AM." — EXODUS 3:14

Week 1 of 5

ILL: tumbling under water in manhattan beach... Gasp!

Four Core Needs:

God :: Community
Growth :: Ministry

four weeks, calling you to make commitments in preparation for Com.Sunday
 Today, the focus is on GOD :: friend suggesting 'worship' :: bury God under labels etc.

Because of who God is, he must be **first** in my **life**.

Who is God?

Exodus 3:1-17 (p. 40)

Set up Moses as a murderer, then read to the key question...

Moses is looking for a label :: Who are you wearing? :: so many gods

This God claims to be the God of existence itself!

His Identity: "**I Am**"

His Name: "**Y a h w e h**"

- ▶ "I Am" – אהיה – (ehyeh)
- ▶ "come into being" – והיה – (wehayah)
- ▶ Divine Name – יהוה – (yahweh)

The point of the name was to remind us of his identity! We let it become a label... but how do you label THE ONE WHO IS? Everything that exists derives existence from him!

Obvious Conclusion #1

*Nothing is greater, higher, better, stronger, more beautiful, more valuable than the one who is called "**I A M**."*

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Obvious Conclusion #2

*As he is the unlabelable, unlimitable I AM, the only thing we can know about God is what **h e r e v e a l s** about himself.*

Our reality is based on labels... ILL: BAT LADDER... before you met me...

BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS, **HE** MUST BE FIRST IN MY LIFE, NOT MY IDEA OF HIM.

What has God revealed?

- ▶ He **IS**.
eternally complete
- ▶ He is the God of **real people** (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob).
- ▶ He is the God who **loves** and **judges**.

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How to make God first in your life.

Today is mostly about us gasping in wonder at God, but a gasp isn't good without air...

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1-2

*Because of who God is, he must be first in my life, so I claim his **Son** and his **Word** as my top authority.*