

The Roads Church – 5-Day Study Guide



Sermon Title: *Being With Jesus*

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Main Passage: Exodus 3

Sermon Overview

In this message, Pastor Chad Everett invites us to rediscover what it means to truly be **with Jesus**. Drawing from Exodus 3 and the story of Moses at the burning bush, we learn that God calls us into a life of **partnership**, **provision**, and **purpose**. Through a simple moment of “turning aside,” Moses encountered the presence of God—and everything changed.

This sermon reminds us that **God has a plan**, His **provision is found in His presence**, and we are invited into a divine **partnership** that requires our faith and obedience. God's plans are not about us, but they graciously include us—and when we follow them, we find true fulfillment.

Why This Study Guide Matters

We believe that what happens **after Sunday** is just as important as what happens **on Sunday**. This 5-day study guide is designed to help you, your family, or your Roads Group go deeper into the truth that was preached. Studying the Word throughout the week strengthens your understanding of who God is, how He speaks, and how we can walk closely with Him every day.

Whether you're a new believer, a growing follower of Jesus, a student, or part of a family raising the next generation in faith—this guide is for you.

Take time each day to slow down, reflect, and invite God to speak personally. His voice still calls from the burning bush—and He still says, *“I will be with you.”*

Day 1: Turn Aside to Hear God's Voice

Big Idea:

God is always speaking, but it often takes a moment of intentional attention—turning aside—for us to truly hear Him.

Key Scripture:

Exodus 3:3–4 (NKJV)

“Then Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.’ So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him...”

Quote:

“Some things we may not be experiencing because we didn’t turn aside.” – Pastor Chad Everett

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What distractions keep you from spending time with God?
2. How do you know when God is trying to get your attention?
3. Why did Moses have to turn aside before God spoke?

- **Activation:**

Set a timer for 5–10 minutes, remove distractions, and invite God to speak. Write down what you sense.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. How has God spoken to you when you turned aside?
2. What practices help you stay sensitive to His voice?
3. How does spiritual busyness hinder hearing God?

- **Activation:**

Fast one digital input today. Spend that time in prayer and journal what God speaks.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What grabs your attention most each day?
2. Why might God want you to pause and listen?
3. When have you felt God speak or nudge you?

- **Activation:**

Turn off your phone for 5 minutes and pray: “God, I’m listening.” Write one thing you sense.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to “turn aside” to be with God?
2. What caught Moses’ attention?
3. How can we listen to God together?

- **Activation:**

Light a candle together and talk about how Moses saw fire in the bush. Sit quietly and ask, “God, what would You say to us?”

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. How can God speak to our family?
2. Why is it hard to stop and listen?
3. How can we help each other hear God?

- **Activation:**

Unplug for 15 minutes together. Afterward, discuss anything you felt or sensed during the silence.

Day 2: God's Plan Includes You — But It's Not About You

Big Idea:

God's plan is bigger than you, but He invites you into it for His glory and your fulfillment.

Key Scripture:

Exodus 3:10–12 (NKJV)

"Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh... So He said, 'I will certainly be with you.'"

Quote:

"God is not with me because it's me. He's with me because I'm with His plan." - Pastor Chad Everett

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. How does it feel to know God has a plan for you?
2. What makes you nervous about trusting that plan?
3. What's one step of obedience you can take?

- **Activation:**

Write a short prayer asking God to help you trust and follow His plan.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Where have you asked God to bless your plan instead of aligning with His?
2. How can you re-submit your direction to Him?
3. What does "God's with me" mean in your current season?

- **Activation:**

Reflect on a past season when you walked in His plan. What fruit came from it?

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What would you say if God asked you to do something hard?
2. Why did Moses ask, “Who am I?”
3. How can you trust that God will be with you?

- **Activation:**

Choose one way to say “yes” to God today—even if it’s small. Tell someone about it.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was God’s plan for Moses?
2. Why did Moses feel unsure?
3. How does God help us do what He asks?

- **Activation:**

Act out Moses’ story. Let your kids play both parts. End with a family prayer: “God, we want to do what You ask.”

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What keeps us from trusting God’s plan as a family?
2. What might obedience look like for us this week?
3. Why is it freeing to know God’s plan is bigger?

- **Activation:**

Each family member shares a current area they want God’s plan, not just their own.

Day 3: Provision Is Found in God's Presence

Big Idea:

God's provision is not separate from His presence—it flows from walking in His will.

Key Scripture:

Exodus 3:12 (NKJV)

"I will certainly be with you."

Quote:

"We don't have to pray for provision if we're praying for God's plan—because His provision is in His plan." - Pastor Chad Everett

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does "provision" mean to you?
2. How does God being with you help you trust Him?
3. What is one need you can trust God with today?

- **Activation:**

Write down your biggest need. Then pray, "God, I trust You to be with me in this."

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. When has God's presence provided what you didn't have?
2. How do we guard against chasing provision instead of presence?
3. What would shift if you truly believed provision follows obedience?

- **Activation:**

Spend time in prayer today asking: "Am I following Your plan, or just asking for provision?"

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you usually worry about?
2. Why do you think God wants you to trust Him instead?
3. How is God's presence more valuable than things?

- **Activation:**

Write or draw one way God has taken care of you recently. Say “thank You” in prayer.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do we need help with today?
2. Why is God being with us better than getting everything we want?
3. How can we thank God for what He’s given?

- **Activation (Family):**

Go around and say, “Thank You, God, for...” one at a time. Talk about how God provides because He is with us.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What’s one area where our family is trusting God right now?
2. What does it look like to focus on His presence rather than our needs?
3. How do we remind each other that God is with us?

- **Activation (Family):**

Create a short “God is with us” prayer together and speak it aloud before dinner this week.

Day 4: Partnership Requires Faith

Big Idea:

God rarely shows us everything in advance. Instead, He calls us to step out and trust Him.

Key Scripture:

Genesis 12:1 (NKJV)

“Get out of your country... to a land that I will show you.”

Quote:

“The plan of God will require steps of faith.” - Pastor Chad Everett

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to take a step of faith?
2. Why do you think God sometimes keeps the full picture hidden?
3. How can you trust God today, even if you don't see the outcome yet?

- **Activation:**

Choose one step—however small—that you believe God is asking you to take today. Pray and take it in faith.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What step of faith is God asking you to take right now?
2. In what area are you hesitating because you don't see all the details?
3. How does obedience open the door for revelation?

- **Activation:**

Write a simple faith statement: *“God, I will trust You with...”* and declare it daily this week.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think faith means acting before you see?
2. Has God ever asked you to trust Him with something?
3. What's one area where you need to take a faith step?

- **Activation:**

Talk to a leader, parent, or mentor about a decision you're facing. Ask for prayer to trust God's way.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is faith?
2. Why did Abram have to leave home without knowing where he was going?
3. What's one way we can say "yes" to God as a family?

- **Activation (Family):**

Make a "faith feet" path using paper or objects on the floor. Each step you take, say one way God leads your family.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What's a faith decision our family is currently navigating?
2. How can we support one another when God asks us to trust Him?
3. What does a faithful response look like in everyday situations?

- **Activation (Family):**

Choose one action as a family this week that demonstrates trust in God—giving, serving, forgiving, or encouraging.

Day 5: His Plans Are Better

Big Idea:

God's plans are always better than ours. His thoughts are higher, and when we follow His way, we walk into true peace, hope, and future.

Key Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Quote:

"We stop dreaming God's plans when we trust our own provision more than His." – Pastor Chad Everett

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think God's plans are better than ours?
2. What does it mean to trust Him with your future?
3. How does this verse make you feel about your relationship with God?

- **Activation:**

Ask God to show you one part of His plan for your life. Write it down and pray over it.

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- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What plans of yours might God be asking you to lay down?
2. How have you seen His plan work out better than your own?
3. How does hope shape your faith journey?

- **Activation:**
Journal three dreams you've held onto. Ask God to confirm, refine, or redirect each one.

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- **Discussion Questions:**
 1. How can you trust that God sees more than you do?
 2. What's one situation where you need to believe God's plan is better?
 3. How do you respond when things don't go your way?
- **Activation:**
Draw or write Jeremiah 29:11 on a note and place it somewhere visible as a daily reminder.

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- **Discussion Questions:**
 1. Who knows what's best for us—us or God? Why?
 2. What does it mean that God gives us a hope and future?
 3. What can we thank God for today?
- **Activation (Family):**
Make a "God's Good Plan" wall with drawings or words showing how God is good to your family.

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- **Discussion Questions:**
 1. What's one plan we've tried to follow that may not have been God's?
 2. What does it look like to surrender as a family to His way?
 3. How do we keep hope alive when plans change?
- **Activation (Family):**
As a family, write or say a commitment prayer: *"We choose to follow Your plans, not our own."*