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Story Six: Forty Days of Summer 2025

# THE NAME THAT SPOKE ITSELF

Saturday 16 August - Tuesday 19 August

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Exodus 33:18-34:8 and John 12:20-30

St Barnabas - 3 August

St Nicholas - 10 August

St Wulstans - 17 August

TAKE FIVE DEEP BREATHS. CHECK-IN WITH HOW YOU ARE FEELING – IN BODY, IN MIND, IN SPIRIT. TAKE FIVE MORE DEEP BREATHS AND ASK GOD TO ABIDE WITH YOU IN THIS MOMENT. NOW READ THE PASSAGE.

## Verses from Exodus 33

*Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."*

*The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the*

*morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain."*

*So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.*

*The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The Lord." The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no*

means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

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**One** | Imagine you had the unashamed freedom of a small child's creativity. What art materials and colours would you use to represent God passing by.

**Two** | What is Moses asking for, and how does God reply?

**Three** | Reflect on this experience in the Gospels in the light of Moses' story:

*Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.*



Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

*Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine."*

John 12:20-30

**Four** | Have you ever experienced something that felt full of God, even though others didn't seem to notice it—or realised later that you'd missed something that turned out to be full of God for someone else?

**Five** | Reread the front page for a reminder about how ‘face’ works. If ‘face’ is all about how we present ourselves to others, what might it mean that God hides His face from Moses—but still speaks, passes by, and covers him with a hand?

**Six** | Try to express your key thought from today as a short phrase that you can carry with you into the rest of your day and week, for example, “some said it thundered”. Turn the back page.



May our Gracious God, who knows our impatience and our longing to see clearly, reshape our stories with the presence of Christ who reveals the unseen God. Amen.