



**Sermon Series:** This Is My Story: Accepting Forgiveness

**Big Idea:** Faithfully accept the forgiveness of the Father.

**Main Passage:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

<sup>12</sup> Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. <sup>14</sup> But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. <sup>15</sup> Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand. <sup>16</sup> But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

**Three questions to ask to help us see something different:**

- Do I recognize the veils in my life?
- Am I willing to remove the veils in my life?
- Will I choose to reflect the glory of God in my life?

**Discussion:**

**What?**

What stood out to you from Dusty's sermon or any questions you might have?

Dusty gave us 3 questions to ask. Take this space below to answer those here:

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2.

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Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 again. This verse describes two groups of people. Those who have had the veil removed and those who have not. What makes the difference between these two groups of people?

So, who are the ones that still have the veil in place? In this passage Paul is referencing the pharisees and Jews who refused to accept Jesus because they were clinging to the old ways of doing things. How do you still see this happening today?

### **So What?**

From the testimonies, what happened when they let go of what they knew and saw the something different that Jesus had to offer?

When have you let go of something because of seeing Jesus?

What is it about Jesus that can remove the blinders and help us see clearly?

### **Do What?**

Sometimes letting go of old comfortable things is really hard and requires a humility check. Why do you have a hard time letting go of things?

Maybe you don't even know you are holding on to things that keep you from seeing Jesus clearly, what can you do to overcome that?

Dusty asks a question about choosing to reflect the glory of God. We can choose to remove the veils, stop hiding, and let Jesus shine. How can you do that this week?

Which verse below can be a help to you this week?

### **Scriptures for further study or memorization:**

*Use these as a reference to help you as you learn to remove the veil.*

#### **Exodus 34:33-35**

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

#### **Matthew 27:51 (NASB)**

And behold, the [a]veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

#### **John 14:6**

Jesus told him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."