

Series: Exodus Series
Part 32: Reconstruction – Build a Life That Keeps You Close
Text: Exodus 34:18–26 (ESV)

1. Establish Rhythms That Interrupt Forgetfulness

“You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib, for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt... Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.” **Exodus 34:18–21**

“And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” **Luke 22:19**

Personal Application: What am I building into my life that keeps bringing my attention back to God?

2. Putting God First is Costly

“All that open the womb are mine, all your male livestock, the firstborn of cow and sheep. The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb... All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty-handed.” **Exodus 34:19–20**

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.” **Proverbs 3:9**

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” **Matthew 6:33.**

Personal Application: What consistently receives your first and best, and does that reflect that God truly holds first place in your life?

3. Show Up Consistently Before God

“Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel... For I will cast out nations before you and enlarge your borders; no one shall covet your land, when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.” **Exodus 34:23–24**

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some...” **Hebrews 10:25**

Personal Application: What are you trying to control that was never yours to secure, and do you trust God enough to leave it in His hands?