

Know Him First
Exodus 34:1-9

There are numerous places where the Bible seems to _____ itself. The story of God's giving the 10 commandments to Israel a 2nd time offers insight into how we may _____ conflicting passages.

After their escape from Egypt, the Israelites made their way to Mt. Sinai and there Moses received the covenant laws of God. When Moses came down from the mountain, the people lost _____ and were worshipping a golden calf. In a rage, he threw the tablets down and _____ them. But God was not finished with His people. He called Moses back upon the mountain and instructed Him to make two new tablets upon which God would rewrite the law. The Word written by God can be _____. Paul would later say, "All Scripture is _____ - _____."

The next morning, Moses went up on the mountain and God came to him He proclaimed His name: _____, the name God by which God identified Himself to Moses when he sent him to Egypt. Then God passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "Yahweh, Yahweh, the compassionate and _____ God, slow to anger, abounding in _____ and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." This is God revealing that His _____ flows from His _____. Don't expect to know the word of God apart from the character of God. No word from God is going to _____ the character of God.

Notice, where He started and what He emphasized about His character, and how the whole story reinforces it: It is about God's _____ willingness to _____ His people's faults, failures, and sins.

So, what we need is for someone to show us _____. And Jesus says to us, "Anyone who has seen _____ has seen the Father."

Do you want to become a good interpreter of the Word of God? You have to make it your _____ to get to know Jesus, first as _____ and then, day by day, in His _____.