

CHOSEN TO REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE

One day Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.'¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people."¹⁴ The Lord replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."¹⁵ Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place."¹⁶ How will anyone know that you look favorably on me – on me and on your people – if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."

¹⁷ The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

Exodus 33:12-18

Will we be desperate for God's presence or will we depend on ourselves?

WHY SEEK THE PRESENCE OF GOD?

1. Because God's presence gives us CLOSENESS.

The Lord replied, "I will personally go with you..."

Exodus 33:14

2. Because God's presence gives us REST.

...Moses, and I will give you rest...

Exodus 33:14

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **Mathew 11:28***

3. Because God's presence gives us our IDENTITY.

"How will anyone know that you look favorably on me – on me and on your people – if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."

Exodus 33:16

HOW DO WE PURSUE GOD'S PRESENCE?

1. Be EXPECTANT and DESPERATE for the Holy Spirit.

Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

Exodus 33:18

Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalms 5:3

2. Seek God's will in HUMILITY.

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalms 139:23-24

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

3. REFLECT the GLORY of God with your life

The Son is the radiance of the glory of God.

Hebrews 1:3

...As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him, and reflect His glory even more.

2 Corinthians 3:18