



# LORD, I WANT TO SEE YOU

EXODUS 33:7-23



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“Moses said, ‘Please show me Your glory.’ And [God] said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name The Lord.’”

Exodus 33: 17,18

Where do you see God’s goodness? Do you find yourself overwhelmed when you do? Personally, I experience God’s goodness on a run or amid creation. The best is when I am doing both at the same time! I set out reluctantly, but soon find myself talking with the Lord and forgetting that I am running. Asking the Lord to show me His glory in the creation all around me and make Himself known so that I can follow Him. What should I do about this or that. I pour out my heart as we run and talk. I wonder what it was like for Moses to talk with God.

We read in Exodus 33 that Moses intentionally set up a tent - a special place to meet with God. All the Israelites know this tent of meeting is the place to seek God. Secondly, when the people see their leader, Moses, go into the tent of meeting they know something holy is happening. They gather at the doors of their own tents and worship. We see meeting with God is connected to worship of God. We see God’s people doing what they were created to do - giving glory to God.

God descends as a pillar of cloud. God comes

to Moses. How good is that! God speaks to Moses and Moses speaks to God like one speaks with a friend. We learn that Moses trusts God and he won’t go anywhere until God says to go. Moses wants to be sure that God goes with him. He has learned that doing anything without God isn’t good. In kindness God knows Moses by name and he has found favor in God’s sight. God reassures Moses that His presence will go with him and will give him rest. Then the conversation takes a turn and Moses asks God for something big - to show him His glory. That may seem a little bold, but don’t we all want to see God’s glory revealed to us? I find myself humming, “Open the eyes of my heart Lord. I want to see You.” In God’s gracious mercy, He says YES to Moses’ request and made all His goodness pass by him. WOW! Isn’t that amazing to think about?

Is there a today’s version of what Moses asked for you and me? Can we not ask for the same thing? We don’t need to set up a tent of meeting because we have God living in us. When we open scripture, take a walk amid creation or spend time with loved ones, ask, “Lord, show me Your glory!”

Like Moses, let us set aside time to meet with You. Help us get to know You as a close friend. We don’t want to do life without You. Lord, please reveal Your Glory to us! In Jesus’ Name. Amen

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