Quarter Three: Exodus: Journey to the Promised Land

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Lesson 12— "Please, Show Me Your Glory"

Monday: That I May Know You

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- Last Week: "Apostasy & Intercession"
 - o Exodus 32
 - o The apostasy of the people at the golden calf & Moses' intercession
- This Week: "Please, Show Me Your Glory"
 - o Exodus 33, 34
 - o Growing in grace: how Moses grew in grace & we can, too

Memory Text: "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation" (Ex 34:6, 7, NKJV).

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday**: The Tent of Meeting (James)
 - \circ Ex 33:7 11 Moses' growing relationship with God (from Egypt to Midian to leading the Israelites out of bondage & toward the promised land; the meeting place with God)
- 2. **Monday**: That I May Know You (Jill)
 - o Ex 33:12 17 Moses' desire to know more of God; knowing God vs knowing about Him
- 3. **Tuesday**: "Please, Show Me Your Glory" (John D)
 - o Ex 33:18 23 Moses' request to see God's glory & God's revelation of His character
- 4. Wednesday: The Self-Revelation of God (SQ)
 - \circ Ex 34:1 28 God's character proclaimed; covenant renewed; tables of stone rewritten
- 5. **Thursday**: The Shining Face of Moses (John L)
 - \circ Ex 33:29 35 why Moses' face shone & how we can share Jesus

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Exodus 33:12 – 17; Ex 19:3, 20; Ex 20:21; Ex 24:12, 18; Ex 32:30 – 32; Deut 9:18; John 17:3

- Ex 33:13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight..."
 - o Didn't Moses know God already?
 - Ex 19:3 "And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain saying..."
 - Have we walked up a mountain to meet with God?
 - Have we spoken with God?

- Ex 19:20 "Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up."
 - Have we heard God's voice & drawn nearer to Him?
- Ex 20:21 "So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was."
 - Right after the giving of the 10 commandments
 - When others run for fear, Moses draws closer
- Ex 24:9, 10 "Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and 70 of the elders of Israel, (10) and they saw the God of Israel..."
 - Right after the ratification of the covenant
 - They saw God and ate and drank
- Ex 24:18 "So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights."
 - The elders stayed behind, and Moses pressed on into God's presence for 40 days & nights
 - Received the 10 commandments carved on stone with the very finger of
 - Received the instructions for the Sanctuary / tabernacle
- Deut 9:17, 18 "Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. (18) And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger."
 - Right after the golden calf experience (Ex 32)
 - Another 40 days / nights in God's presence
 - Have we ever fasted that long?
 - We ever communed with God that long? (80 days, total)

o Did Moses know God?

- Why then does he say, "...show me Your way, that I may know You?..."
 - 1. The more you know the Lord, the more you discover you don't know
 - o *More you study, more to learn
 - *In marriage, more to discover
 - 2. Difference between intellectual knowledge & experiential knowledge of God
 - Head vs heart
 - o Revelation of God's character & goodness is coming
- Phil 3:9, 10 "and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith. (10) that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

- Know word in Gk indicates an intimate or relational knowledge, as opposed to mere intellectual understanding
- John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
 - Same Gk word
 - Experiencing / intimately knowing Jesus is everything

5 Keys to knowing God

- Ex 33:12 "Then Moses said to the LORD, 'See, You say to me, "Bring up this people," But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.""
 - \circ Ex 33:1 3 God told Moses to leave Sinai with "the people you brought out of the land of Egypt"
 - Go to a land flowing with milk & honey
 - Yet I (God) will not go with you because you are a stiff-necked people
 - People had sinned grievously & broken the covenant
 - Moses acted as an intercessor between God & the people
 - Like Jesus for us
 - Key #1: Remember God's words & promises
 - Moses remembered what God had promised to him before
 - "I know you by name"
 - "You have found grace in My sight"
 - To know God, we must know His Word
 - Read it, study it, remember what He's told us
- Ex 33:13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."
 - O Key #2: Ask to know Him better
 - Desire to know Him
 - James 4:2 You have not because you ask not
 - Matt 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
 - Context of asking for the Holy Spirit
 - Gk Keep on asking
 - Jer 29:13 "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."
 - Ps 2:8 Ask of Me and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance....
- Ex 33:14 "And He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
 - **O** Key #3: Rest in the assurance of His presence
 - Isa 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is **stayed** on You, because he trusts in You."

- Stayed = Heb, lean, lay, rest upon
- *Focus mind & heart on Him
- Ex 33:15, 16 "Then he said to Him, 'If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. (16) For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.""
 - Key #4: Persist in prayer
 - Like Jacob I will not let You go, unless you bless me
- Ex 33:17 "So the LORD said to Moses, 'I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.""
 - o Key #5: Watch God answer
 - And remember the answer for next time

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