

What We Need Most

Exodus 33:13-18

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.”

¹⁴ And He said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ 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.”

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.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

Exodus 19:4-6

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

“Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies” in Exodus 32:35.

1. Moses Requests God’s friendship.

Exodus 33:12-13

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 favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”

2. Moses Requests God’s Presence.

Exodus 33:15-16

¹⁵ Then he said to Him, “**If Your Presence does not *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.”

3. Moses Requests God’s Glory.

Exodus 33:18

¹⁸ And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

Exodus 33:22 (NKJV)

So it shall be, while my glory passes by that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while pass by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see My back; but my face shall not be seen.