

## **Series: Praying Through the Scriptures**

*Praying like Moses*

Sunday July 15, 2018

1. *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey.*

*But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way." When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you,' "*

2. *Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent...*

3. *As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent.*

4. *The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend - which is a metaphor to say that God spoke to Moses personally (Ex. 33:7-11).*

5. *Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people"(Ex. 33:12-13).*

6. Two Part Prayer.

1. Teach me your ways.

7. "Lord, I have sinned. This is what I said: \_\_\_\_\_. This is what I did: \_\_\_\_\_. This is how it has affected me: \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for forgiving me in Christ. I don't deserve it. I couldn't earn it. It's more than I could imagine. Would you show me even more compassion and grace for these things – that I would know you even more – even better – even deeper?!"

8. *The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Ex. 33:14). God changed the circumstances!*

9. *Then Moses said to God, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (Ex. 33:15-16)*

10. 2 Points 4 Peace

1. Teach me your ways.
2. Go with us.

11. "Lord, this is something I recently said or did that can only be explained by you working in me: \_\_\_\_\_. This is something that we are doing or we are going to do as a church that can only happen because you are with us: \_\_\_\_\_. Help us to be mindful that You are always with us. Help us to see You at work. And help us to see how we can join You in what you're up to. Thanks for always being with us wherever we go. You are Jesus. You are Emmanuel. God with us!"