

The Mosaic Covenant
Your Presence is Enough

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Exodus 33:12-23 NIV

¹²Moses 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.’” ¹³If 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.” ¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How 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?” ¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” ¹⁹And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” ²¹Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

1. When Presence is Missing.

2. Presence Over Promise.

3. The Glory of His Presence.

Conclusion: Moses discovered something deeper than miracles, manna, or even the Promised Land: God Himself was the reward. And what Moses glimpsed in part, we now behold fully in Jesus Christ.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of May 17th, 2026- May 23rd, 2026

Ice Breaker: Think of a time you became more aware of the Giver over the gifts. How did the relationship change?

Read Exodus 33.

1. What did God tell Moses after the golden calf incident? (vs. 1-3)
2. What was God revealing about Israel’s heart?
3. They broke the covenant by their actions. God was no longer held to His agreement, but what did He still promise? (vs.1-2) What does this show you about God’s faithfulness?
4. What was He testing by saying He wouldn’t go with them?
5. Do you ever want the gifts of God more than God Himself?
6. Where did Moses meet with God and how did God speak with Him? (vs. 7-11)
7. What does Moses ask of God? What does he want? (v.12)
8. What does Moses request and desire from God? (v.13)
9. What does this reveal about how Moses sees their relationship?
10. How important is it for us to ask the same from v. 13? Why?
11. How does God first respond? (v.14) Who is will He go with?
12. What is Moses’ plea? What is he asking for? (v.15) Why would he ask for this after Israel’s quick fall? Who is he foreshadowing?
13. What profound revelation does Moses speak about the importance of God’s presence with Israel? (v.16) Why does this matter?
14. How does His presence matter to distinguish us yet today?
15. How does God respond? Why? (v.17) What do you see in how God responds to the faithful prayers on behalf of others?
16. What does Moses request? (v.18) What is his intention?
17. How does God respond to this bold request? (v.19)
18. What was the limit to what God would show Moses? Why? (v.20)
19. What does God do to allow a glimpse of His glory? (vs. 21-23)
20. Read Exodus 34:6-7. Who does God say He is?
21. What has God revealed as His glory in this proclamation?
22. Read John 1:14 and 2 Corinthians 4:6. How did God make it possible or us to see the fullness of His glory? Through whom?
23. Compare the experience Moses had encountering the glory of God to the experience we now have through Jesus Christ?
24. Whatever your lot, is His Presence enough?

Point to ponder: The true goodness of God is in knowing Him and walking with Him.