

Exodus 33:17-23 (NLT) - And 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."

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And 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. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When 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. ²³ Then I will remove my hand, and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Observations about 'grace':

- Grace defies complete and tidy definition
- Grace does not force itself on others; it is offered and must be received and extended to be truly experienced.

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT): For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

- Grace is typically discovered in difficult times

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT): But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

- Grace (in all its unexplainable glory) manifests and multiplies as we know and grow in Jesus, because...
- Grace is a Person

John 1:14 (NIV) – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Study Guide

1. Start where I started when I (Pastor Terry) began to prepare Sunday's message: How would you define/describe "grace"?

2. Ponder for a moment: How have you personally experienced grace operating in your life?

3. Take a few moments to unpack some of the attributes of Jesus from the following scriptures
 - John 1:14
 - Hebrews 1:34
 - Ephesians 4:32
 - John 10:9-10
 - 1 Peter 2:24

4. How can you apply your growing knowledge and love for Jesus to your life, especially to the areas of your experience that need a healing touch?

5. What is the Lord teaching you about depending on Him? Are there areas of your life that you need help in trusting the Lord? Take some quiet time to lift those things and circumstances up before Jesus.