

Moses | Part 6 | Pastor Steve Wells | 02.16.2020  
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## Memory Verse: Exodus 33:19

19 The Lord replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.

## Read Exodus 33:7-11

John Maxwell breaks down the verses in this passage in his book "The Maxwell Leadership Bible", giving us examples of how Moses led the people by his own actions. John Maxwell says in his book "The Maxwell Leadership Bible" by John C. Maxwell: "People do what people see". He goes on to explain that the people saw how Moses spent time with God and how he had a relationship with Him--this had a great impact on the people.

Exodus 33:7- John Maxwell reminds us how we need to "separate ourselves regularly". We need to come "apart from the crowd" and spend time ALONE with God.

- Do you spend alone time with God?
- How do you separate yourself from "the crowd"?
- How often do you spend alone time with God?

Exodus 33:7- The NKJV says this verse slightly differently saying "sought the Lord" as opposed to "make a request of the Lord". Exodus 33:7 NKJV: "And it came to pass, that every one which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp." John Maxwell reminds us just like Moses was actively seeking God, we need to actively seek God with all of our hearts. Reminding us that we "must pursue truth over popularity". It can be easy to follow what is popular instead of pursuing the truth.

- How do you seek God?
  - What are some other ways to seek God?
- How do you pursue truth over popularity?
- What are some examples of when you would need to pursue truth over popularity?

Exodus 33:8- Moses was watched by everyone. John Maxwell reminds us that Moses was watched by everyone in his camp and we should be "Watched by the public". We need to be "willing to take a risk, even though it feels intimidating to be watched and scrutinized."

- Can you think of time you felt intimidated to be watched by others?
- What are some examples of what you should be doing so that you can be "Watched by the public"?

Exodus 33:9- The Lord talked with Moses. He was able to do this because Moses listened and obeyed. John Maxwell says we need to "Learn to listen and obey God's voice. You must practice the patience of silence and submission".

- Do you recognize the voice of God? How?
- Do you listen for Him? How?
- Do you practice submission and waiting in silence?

Exodus 33:10-11-John Maxwell's final example from Moses for having an intimate relationship with God is to "Enter a covenant partnership with God. You must be faithful and committed, just as Moses was a trustworthy partner with God." God was able to speak to Moses face to face, like a friend.

- How was God able to speak to Moses this way?
- Do you feel like you can speak to God as a friend? Could God speak to you this way?
- Would you consider yourself to be "Faithful and Committed"?

## Read Exodus 33:12-23

Sometimes we feel like we are "out of the loop" and although we trust God with our lives and trust His plan, we still want to know what the plan is.

- Moses asked God to "Let me know your ways" and in verse 13 he said "If it is true"--do you think Moses had doubts about God?
  - Do you think he was afraid or just curious how everything would work out?

Moses said that he wanted to understand more. Even though God had shown him so much and done so much, he still asked God: "Then show me your glorious presence." When reading this story, it is easy to think "How could Moses need to see God and need to be reassured after everything God has done? How could Moses feel he had the right to make such requests or demands of God?" In reality, we often do the same thing. We see God's blessings and healing all around us, yet we ask God for proof that He will be with us. We say "reveal yourself to me" so we can understand and know His plans. As hard as it is not knowing the plans God has for our lives we need to trust God.

- Have you asked God to reveal Himself to you? Why?
- God granted Moses' request--did He reveal Himself to you when you asked?
- Why do you think God granted Moses' request?

## Read Exodus 34:29-35

- What do you think Moses looked like at this time?
  - Why were the people of Israel afraid?
- Why did Moses cover his face?
  - Why did he uncover his face when inside the Tent of Meeting?
- We may not have a radiant glow like Moses, but we can have a different kind of radiance. Do you know anyone who radiates God's love--someone who has a "light shining for Jesus" and is "beaming with His love"?
- What can you do to show God's love and be a light in the world around you?
- What have you learned from Moses' walk with God--that you can implement in your own walk with God?