

Seek His Face [The Moses Approach] Exodus 33.1-18 // September 24, 2019

Our life often carries tension between connection and disconnection – even our spiritual life. As followers of Jesus, we believe that God is always with us; however, we can feel disconnected from this truth when we feel disconnected from God and his presence.

If you find yourself struggling within the tension of knowing God is with you but feeling like he's not...

- You're not alone
- You're not a "bad" Christian
- Choose to seek God today regardless of how you feel

How do you connect with God? Follow Moses' pattern in Exodus 33.1-18

>> SEEK GOD – Exodus 33.7

- Spiritual progress takes place when we are intentional about getting **face to face** with God.
- Seeking God requires us to take on the inconvenience of disconnecting with other parts of life to connect with the Giver of Life.
- Develop spiritual disciplines: *prayer, scripture study, accountability, discipleship, confession, worship, fasting...*

>> SPEAK WITH GOD *as one would speak with a friend* – Exodus 33.9-14

- *"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jer. 29.12-13
- You don't have to dress up your words when you're talking to God.

>> REMEMBER the promises and truths of God – Exodus 33.12-14

>> LISTEN – Exodus 33.14

>> BELIEVE that prayer has an impact – Exodus 33.15-17

>> ASK for BIG THINGS – Exodus 33.18

>> RETURN knowing that God's presence goes with you

When you feel disconnected from God, start here:

- Have I spent time with God today?
- When was the last time I felt God's presence?
- What truth do I need to remember about God today?
- Am I developing and growing spiritual disciplines? Where would I like to grow deeper? (Prayer, scripture study, discipleship, church, worship, accountability)
- Have I exposed to God the broken or wounded places in my life that need his grace? Have I confessed my doubts or my struggles to the Lord? (Know that God meets you right where you are with his loving kindness)

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