

I Cannot Go Without Your Presence

Exodus 33:15–18

“Then Moses said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.’”
— Exodus 33:15

Introduction

Moses understood something very important: success without God is failure. A promised land without God’s presence is not enough. Blessings, ministry, money, doors, and opportunities mean nothing if God is not with us.

Moses did not only want direction. He wanted **God Himself**.

1. God’s Presence Is More Important Than the Destination

Moses was going to the Promised Land, but he said, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not take us there.”

You can arrive in a good place and still be empty if God is absent.

- **Psalm 16:11** — In God’s presence there is fullness of joy.
- **John 15:5** — Without Jesus, we can do nothing.
- **Proverbs 10:22**

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”

2. God’s Presence Gives Identity

Exodus 33:16 says, “What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people?”

What makes the church different is not the building, music, clothes, or programs. It is the presence **of God**.

- **1 Peter 2:9** — We are a chosen generation.
- **Matthew 5:14** — You are the light of the world.

3. God's Presence Gives Rest

God told Moses, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." — Exodus 33:14

Where God is present, fear loses power. Anxiety becomes peace. Confusion becomes direction.

Support Scriptures:

- **Matthew 11:28** — Come to Me, and I will give you rest.
- **Isaiah 26:3** — God keeps in perfect peace those who trust Him.

4. God's Presence Reveals His Glory

Moses said, "Now show me Your glory." — **Exodus 33:18**

When you hunger for God's presence, you will begin to see His glory. Glory is the evidence of His power, holiness, beauty, and greatness.

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** — We are transformed from glory to glory.
- **Psalms 24:7-10** — The King of glory shall come in.

Conclusion

Moses teaches us to pray:

"Lord, I do not want to go where You are not leading. I do not want success without Your presence. I do not want ministry without Your glory."

Prayer

Lord, we need Your presence. Do not let us move without You. Lead our families, our church, our ministry, and our future. Show us Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.