

A House of Presence

Exodus 33:1-17

The Bottom Line: The presence of God is what sets the people of God apart.

Introduction:

Where is the place that changed your life forever?

Your changed life has little to do with the place itself, and everything to do with the experience you had in that place.

For many believers, our minds go back to a church. While we may not remember the color of paint on the wall, the topic of the sermon, or the song selections for that particular service, we know it was the presence of God that changed us.

Today, we begin our 2024 Vision series, *Heart for the House*.

Truth:

Today's passage recalls a moment when God's people had to choose to either					
move forward w	rith or without	God's prese	nce. Look w	vith me at Exc	dus 33:1-17.

Application & Conclusion:

What could God do in our church if, every time we gathered, we sought His presence above all else? What if we said with Moses, "We don't want it if you're not in it." We do not want just another sermon and song. Those are good things, but we need the presence of God. That is what sets us apart. That is where people find rest and favor with God.

When we gather, we want to meet with God. We want to know Him in a greater way than we did before. We want to keep in step with Him as we go forward together.

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Reflection	Questions:
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1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?