

“MORE PRESENCE”

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Look at the backstory:

Moses goes up Mt Saini to meet with God!

First 2 of the 10 commandments:

- 1) You shall have NO other Gods before me!
- 2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images
- 3)

-Moses leaves Aaron in charge: people get antsy.....want gods to worship...

Exodus 32:1-4 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, **“Come, make us gods** who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” ²Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took what they handed him and **made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.** Then they said, **“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”**

Aaron declares a huge feast!! Moses comes back during the party.....

MOSES WAS TICKED OFF

Exodus 32:21 He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

LISTEN TO AARONS RESPONSE:

Exodus 32:22-24 “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, **‘Make us gods who will go before us.** As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴So I told them, **‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’** Then they gave me the gold, **and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!’**”

NOW IN CHAPTER 33

Exodus 33:1-3 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ **2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.** **3** Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. **But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”**

Exodus 33:12-16 Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ **13** If you are pleased with me, **teach me your ways so I may know you** and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” **14** The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” **15** Then Moses said to him, **“If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.”** **16** How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

2 DECLARATIONS TODAY FROM THIS PASSAGE:

- Teach me your ways so I may know you!
- Don't let me go without your presence!

1) Teach me your ways so we may know you!

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your ways, O LORD, **that I may live according to your truth!** **Grant me purity of heart,** so that I may honor you.

- Truth is not based on HOW I FEEL! Truth is Truth!

Psalm 25:4-5 **Show me your ways, Lord,** **teach me your paths.** **5** **Guide me in your truth and teach me,** for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good and evil good, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

Our mindset needs to be: Show me.....teach me.....guide me.....

-WE ARE LIVING IN A CULTURE CLASH!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.

LAST WEEK: Troubles teach us to trust

James 1:2-5 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

WE DON'T LEARN TO TRUST....UNTIL WE NEED TO TRUST!

WE NEED WISDOM!

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Knowledge and understanding of God & His heart come from his word!

Psalm 119:103-112 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸ Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Lord, may you teach us YOUR ways so we may know you!

2) Don't let me go without your presence!

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-THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WHAT CAN MAKE US STAND OUT!

-EVIL IS NOT HIDING ITSELF!

-LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTER IN THE DARKNESS!

We are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Matthew 10:8 As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

-God wants to do the “SUPERNATURAL” in our lives.

-God does the “Supernatural” to draw people to Christ.

-EVIL IS NOT HIDING ITSELF.....NEITHER IS GOD!

Acts 19:11-16 **God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,** ¹²so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. **¹³Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed.** They would say, **“In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”** ¹⁴Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵One day the evil spirit answered them, **“Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”** ¹⁶Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. **He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.**

2 OPPOSITE RESULTS! Paul saw miracles! 7 Sons of Sceva got a but whoopin!

2 Timothy 3:5 **Having a form of godliness but denying its power.**

Philippians 3:4-14 If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss

because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

HOW DO WE TAKE PART IN THE SUPERNATURAL?

-we have to do the natural -God will do the super

-We can never do the super part and God will never do the natural.

IT CAN FEEL LIKE WE ARE IN A LOSING BATTLE!

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

-Teach me your ways so we can know you!

-Don't let me go without your presence!

-Praying for the Super Natural!

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^{tal} in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and

long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.