

I. Intro

A. Text: **Ex. 33:12-13**

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Ex. 33:12-13)

B. Recap

1. Shavout
 - a. The Giving of the Law
 - b. The Revelation of God

C. Without predictable leadership, the people did their own thing

1. We do not know what has become of Moses (**Ex. 32:1**)
2. Let’s create a god after our own understanding (calf).
3. The people sat down to drink and rose up to play (**Ex. 32:6**)
 - a. Singing/Dancing → Sound of war (**32:17-18**)
 - b. The Lord plagued the people w/ undetermined death toll (**32:35**)

II. Lessons From Moses

A. Intercessor

1. God: *Let Me alone that I may consume them* → You (**Ex. 32:10**)
2. Moses: Please forgive them. And if you don’t, blot me out (**Ex. 32:31-32**)
 - a. God spoke to Moses as a man speaks to his friend (**Ex. 33:11**)

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- i. **Jn. 15:14:** *You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.*

B. Pursuer

1. Verbal Exchange

- a. God: Depart into the land I promised to you (**33:1**)

The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.' (Ex. 33:1)

- i. I will send My Angel before you, but I will not go with you (**33:2-3**)

- b. Moses: If your Presence doesn't go with us, leave us in the desert (**33:15**)

- c. God: I will do it! I'll go with you. (**v. 17**)

- i. I know you by name
- ii. You have found grace/favor in my sight.

2. Moses leveraged grace for glory.

- a. Holy Dissatisfaction

- b. Sweet Spot: Glory (**v. 18**)

- i. God is zealous about His own glory.
- ii. Even more than His zeal to mercifully deliver.

"For my name's sake I will defer my anger... For my own sake I will do it. I will not give my glory to another" (Is. 48:11)

"I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another" (Is. 42:8)

- iii. Even more than His zeal to judge rebellion/wickedness.

"The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for myself over Pharaoh." (Ex. 14:18)

- iv. Because God's desire became Moses' desire, God graciously granted Moses' radical request.

“Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (Jn. 14:14)

- v. Anything according to my character, authority, nature.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Ps. 37:4)

III. Conc.

A. God Covered His Creation

- 1. No man shall see my face and live. (**33:20**)
 - a. God lovingly placed Moses in the cleft of a rock. (**33:21**)
 - b. Covered Moses with His hand (**33:22**)

B. God Uncovered His Glory

- 1. Undescribed danger, terror.
- 2. Minimally described wonder. (**33:19**)
 - a. All my goodness
 - b. The Proclamation of the Name (Yahweh)
 - c. The choice to be gracious and compassionate.

C. God will ultimately unleash His glory in all the earth and all will see it.

¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)

- 1. He has made for Himself a people who will not rest until they see it with their own eyes.
 - a. Cheer on His works.
 - b. Pray for His glory now in the earth.