

The Presence Principle

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Exodus 33:12-17

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

One day Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Take these people up to the Promised Land.’ But you haven’t told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, ‘I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.’¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.”

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¹⁴ The Lord replied, “I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you.” ¹⁵ Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.”

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¹⁷ The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.”

Exodus 33:16b NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“Your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.”

A Very Deep Well

“We drove up here Thursday and I sensed something here which I have not sensed in North America. Now that might sound dramatic. But it’s true. What you folks have done here is, you’ve dug a very deep well. God supplies the groundwater of his Holy Spirit, the living water, but he doesn’t dig wells.

A Very Deep Well

“Digging wells takes time and cultivation. And you guys have been digging deeper and deeper and deeper. And repairing the walls of the well. And you have a very deep well in this place, spiritually speaking. Invite people here. You might be surprised what happens to them.”

—Pastor Dave Housholder, February 4, 2018



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*“Presence is God’s
ministry. He doesn’t
have any other
ministry, and
everything he does
issues from the
wellspring of his
presence in our
faltering, faithless
world.”*

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Our Life Together Matters When Waiting on God

“For where two or three gather together as my followers,
I am there among them.”

—Matthew 18:20 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

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God's presence is what sets God's people apart from the world.

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