

### Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Exodus 33:11-23 & 34:1-10 & 29-35. What strikes you as you read these verses? What questions come to mind?
2. Try to put it in your own words what Moses was asking the Lord for in verse 13.
3. Quickly Read John 17:3, 1 John 3:1-2, & Philippians 1:6. How are these New Testament verses consistent with Moses' request in Ex 33:13-17?
4. How is dwelling in the presence of God, living with his power & purpose at work in you, a distinctive that obviously crafts & shapes your life & character each day? How would someone know that?
5. What do you think Moses really wanted when he asked God to show him his glory? Why was God willing to meet Moses part-way in his request?
6. What does the command to make a new set of stone tablets reveal about what God is doing? Why is that important?
7. If you were describing God to someone who doesn't know him, what words would you use? In verses 6-7, why does God choose to identify himself as he does? What proof would you be able to give of that self-description?
8. Contrast what the Lord himself has said in Ex 33:3b with the request Moses makes in Ex 34:8-9. Why do you suppose Moses makes this request? How does God respond?
9. What was Moses to do in preparation for receiving God's answer to his prayer? What did God do in answer to Moses' prayer? How did God's response relate to the immediate context of Moses & the Israelites?
10. What do we see in God's heart for his people as God self-identifies as a "jealous God" in Ex 20:5b & Ex 34:14? How is his jealousy radically different from our own? What would it say about God if he were not zealously jealous for his covenant relationship with you?
11. How are you encouraged by the fact that God will zealously fight for the protection & good of your relationship to Him? What evidence of that can you offer? What is the result of that working itself out in your life?

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023*

## *COME TO JESUS*

### **OPENING SONGS:**

Come Praise & Glorify  
Awaken the Dawn

### **WELCOME & PRAYER:**

## *GROW IN HIS GRACE*

### **BIBLE READING:**

Exodus 33:11-23

<sup>11</sup> Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting.

<sup>12</sup> 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 favourably on you.' <sup>13</sup> If it is true that you look favourably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully & continue to enjoy your favour. Remember that this nation is your very own people."

<sup>14</sup> The Lord replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, & I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you look favourably on me—on me & on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people & me apart from all other people on the earth." <sup>17</sup> The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favourably on you, & I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence." <sup>19</sup> The Lord replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, & I will call out my name, Yahweh before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, & I will show compassion to anyone I choose. <sup>20</sup> But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me & live." <sup>21</sup> The Lord also said, "Look, stand near me on this rock. <sup>22</sup> As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock & cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand & let you see me from behind. But my face will not be seen."

### **CHILDREN'S TIME:**

### **BIBLE READING:**

Exodus 34:1-10 & 29-35

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord told Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones. I will write on them the same words that were on the tablets you smashed. <sup>2</sup> Be ready in the morning to climb up Mount Sinai & present yourself to me on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> No one else may come with you. In fact, no one is to appear anywhere on the mountain. Do not even let the flocks or herds graze near the mountain."

<sup>4</sup> So Moses chiseled out two tablets of stone like the first ones. Early in the morning he climbed Mount Sinai as the Lord had commanded him, & he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord came down in a cloud & stood there with him; & he called out his own name, Yahweh. <sup>6</sup> The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out,

“Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion & mercy!

I am slow to anger & filled with unfailing love & faithfulness.

<sup>7</sup> I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations.

I forgive iniquity, rebellion, & sin. But I do not excuse the guilty.

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children & grandchildren;

the entire family is affected—even children in the third & fourth generations.”

<sup>8</sup> Moses immediately threw himself to the ground & worshiped. <sup>9</sup> He said, “O Lord, if it is true that I have found favour with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn & rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity & our sins. Claim us as your own special possession.” <sup>10</sup> The Lord replied, “Listen, I am making a covenant with you in the presence of all your people. I will perform miracles that have never been performed anywhere in all the earth or in any nation. All the people around you will see the power of the Lord—the awesome power I will display for you.

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn’t aware his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord. <sup>30</sup> So when Aaron & the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses’ face, they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called out to them & asked Aaron & the leaders of the community to come over, & he talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Then all the people of Israel approached him, & Moses gave them all the instructions the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking with them, he covered his face with a veil. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the Lord had given him. <sup>35</sup> The people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the Lord.

#### FAITH CHAT:

1. How would you describe your relationship with God at the moment? Personal? Intimate? Formal? Distant? Strictly Business? Why do you think that is?
2. What are 2 things you could do to improve your relationship with God over the course of the week?

**THE MESSAGE:** *A JOURNEY OF PROMISE: CLAIMING THE PROMISE*

**“NEW” OFFERING SONG:** Christ is Mine Forevermore

#### PRAYERS:

#### THE COMMUNION:

*Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship during Communion:*

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*GO IN HIS POWER*

#### THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God...**

**May the power of God in you,  
bless the world through you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### SONG:

Before the Throne of God

*SHOW HIS LOVE*