

<sup>7</sup> He continues to show his love to thousands of generations, forgiving wrongdoing, disobedience, and sin. He never lets the guilty go unpunished, punishing children and grandchildren for their parents' sins to the third and fourth generation."

19) How did God describe himself?

20) What does this tell us about his glory?

**Exodus 34:8-9 (GW)** <sup>8</sup> Immediately, Moses knelt, bowing with his face touching the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "Lord, please go with us! Even though we are impossible to deal with, forgive our sin and the wrong we have done, and accept us as your own people."

21) What was Moses' reaction to seeing and hearing God's glory?

**John 1:14, 18 (GW)** <sup>14</sup> The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. God's only Son, the one who is closest to the Father's heart, has made him known.

22) How is it that we are able to see God's glory and live?

23) How are we more favored than Moses?

24) How does this help you live as a follower of Jesus?

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**Exodus 33:12-13 (GW)** <sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, "You've been telling me to lead these people, but you haven't let me know whom you're sending with me. You've also said, 'I know you by name, and I'm pleased with you.' <sup>13</sup> If you really are pleased with me, show me your ways so that I can know you and so that you will continue to be pleased with me. Remember: This nation is your people."

1) What does Moses ask of God?

2) Why does he ask this?

3) How does he use God's promises in his asking?

**Exodus 33:14 (GW)** <sup>14</sup> The Lord answered, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you peace."

4) How does God answer Moses?

5) What is his promise?

**John 14:27 (GW)** <sup>27</sup> "I'm leaving you peace. I'm giving you my peace. I don't give you the kind of peace that the world gives. So don't be troubled or cowardly."

6) How does Jesus give us peace?

7) How is this promise of Jesus related to the promise God gave Moses about peace?

**Exodus 33:15-16 (GW)** <sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your presence is not going <sub>1</sub> with us<sub>1</sub>, don’t make us leave this place. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone ever know you’re pleased with your people and me unless you go with us? Then we will be different from all other people on the face of the earth.”

8) Why do you think Moses kept asking about God’s presence?

9) What was the reason he gave for the need for God’s presence?

**Exodus 33:17(GW)** <sup>17</sup> The LORD answered Moses, “I will do what you have asked, because I am pleased with you, and I know you by name.”

10) What does God say that is so surprising?

11) Is this true for you?

**Exodus 33:18-20 (GW)** <sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Please let me see your glory.” <sup>19</sup> The LORD said, “I will let all my goodness pass in front of you, and there I will call out my name ‘the LORD.’ I will be kind to anyone I want to. I will be merciful to anyone I want to. <sup>20</sup> But you can’t see my face, because no one may see me and live.”

12) What does Moses ask? Why?

13) What is God’s answer?

14) What does God say about himself? Have you experienced this?

**Exodus 33:21-23 (GW)** <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, “Look, there’s a place near me. Stand by this rocky cliff. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the cliff and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take my hand away, and you’ll see my back, but my face must not be seen.”

15) How does God propose to show Moses his glory?

**Exodus 34:1-3 (GW)** <sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Cut two <sub>1</sub>more<sub>1</sub> stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets which you smashed. <sup>2</sup> Be ready in the morning. Then come up on Mount Sinai, and stand in my presence on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> No one may come with you or even be seen anywhere on the mountain. Even the flocks and herds may not graze in front of this mountain.”

16) Why do you think God wanted Moses to make the new stone tablets?

17) Why weren’t any other people or animals allowed to be on the mountain?

**Exodus 34:4(GW)** <sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two <sub>1</sub>more<sub>1</sub> stone tablets like the first ones. Early the next morning he went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, carrying the two stone tablets.

18) Why do you think Moses went early in the morning up the mountain?

**Exodus 34:5-7 (GW)** <sup>5</sup> The LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him and called out his name “the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> Then he passed in front of Moses, calling out, “The LORD, the LORD, a compassionate and merciful God, patient, always faithful and ready to forgive.