

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Have you ever had to do something over again after the first attempt completely flopped? What changed the second time?

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Spend some time in prayer for one another.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND INFO

The Golden Calf (Exodus 32) Israel's idolatry while Moses was on the mountain is the backdrop for everything in chapters 33–34. God had withdrawn His presence from the camp, and Moses is now navigating the fallout.

The Tent of Meeting A portable sanctuary Moses pitched outside the camp where those who sought God had to deliberately walk to find Him.

Hesed (Steadfast Love) The Hebrew word behind "steadfast love" in Exodus 34:6 is covenant faithfulness that doesn't quit when the other party fails. God declares it over Israel immediately after the golden calf.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Exodus 33:7-34:35

1. In Exodus 33:7–11, who followed Moses out to the tent and who didn't? What happened when Moses went in?
2. What is Moses' non-negotiable condition in Exodus 33:15, and what does it reveal about what he valued most?
3. After God promises His presence in verse 14, Moses immediately asks for something more. What does he ask for, and how does God respond? (33:17–23)
4. In Exodus 34:6–7, what does God actually show Moses when His glory passes by and what does Moses do in response?
5. What had happened to Moses when he came down the mountain in 34:29–30, and why does it matter that he didn't know it?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This passage shows five postures of Moses' dependence. What is your experience with these postures? What does this passage show you about the pursuit of dependence on God?

God describes Himself as "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." How does it change things that God chose to reveal this about Himself right after Israel's worst failure? What assurances does this give you?

Moses doubted toward God, not away from Him. When you're struggling, what's your instinct? To push through, perform confidence, or bring it to God?

Before your next decision, what would it look like to honestly ask: "Is God leading here, or am I leading and hoping He follows?"

Moses had a specific place. What's yours? If you don't have a consistent time and place to show up before God, what would it take to establish one this week?

How can you incorporate prayers of dependence into your prayer life? Which of Moses' prayers needs to become yours?

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

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