

# FORTY DAYS

## WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL

This is a 5-Day Devotional from Sunday's sermon "Renewal In His Presence."  
Each day includes a Scripture reading, reflection, questions, and prayer.

### DAY 1: DRAWING CLOSE TO GOD

**Scripture:**

Exodus 24:12 – The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay there..."

**Reflection:**

God called Moses up the mountain. God was already present—but Moses had to leave the camp, the people, and the distractions behind to meet with Him. The "climb" represented intentionality. It cost Moses time, energy, and separation. But it also positioned him for something much greater... revelation.

**Meditation:**

What distractions do you need to leave behind today to meet with God? How and where is He wanting you to make space for Him?

**Prayer:**

Read out loud – *"Father, give me the courage to separate myself from the noise and climb closer to You. Create in me a hunger to seek Your face above all else. Amen."*

### DAY 2: FASTING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

**Scripture:**

Exodus 34:28 – Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did not eat food or drink water.

**Reflection:**

Moses was so immersed in God's presence that food became irrelevant. Fasting wasn't about self-denial for its own sake—it was about spiritual nourishment. When we fast, we shift our reliance from the flesh to the Spirit. It's an act of devotion just as much as it's an act of dependence.

**Meditation:**

What physical comforts do you rely on more than the presence of God? Food, technology, business, buying something? What could you fast this week to deepen your hunger for God and His Kingdom?

**Prayer:**

Read out loud – *"Lord, I want to be aware and full of Your presence. Teach me to fast in faith and not fear. Let every hunger in me lead me to You. Amen."*

**Scripture:**

Exodus 33:11 – “The Lord would speak with Moses face to face, just as a man speaks with his friend...”

**Reflection:**

This is one of the most beautiful images in all of Scripture—God speaking to a man face to face. Not as a distant creator or ruler, but as a friend. Likewise, Moses did not pray to simply check a box; he prayed to know God deeply. Prayer was not a performance. It was a relationship.

**Meditation:**

Do you pray out of manipulation (to get something from God) obligation (a sense of duty) or out of friendship with God? Speak to Him today as a friend.

**Prayer:**

Read out loud – *“Jesus, help me to talk with You today like I would someone I love. Let prayer be a joy and not a task. Teach me to linger in Your presence. Amen.”*

**Scripture:**

Exodus 34:29 – “He (Moses) did not realize that the skin of his face shone as a result of his speaking with the Lord.”

**Reflection:**

Moses didn’t try to glow. He wasn’t aiming to impress others. He simply spent time with God—and it showed. His time in God’s presence transformed him visibly. True spiritual renewal always has an outward effect. Others will notice when you’ve been with the Lord.

**Meditation:**

Is there evidence in your life that you’ve been with God? How can you let His presence shape your words, actions, thoughts and attitude today?

**Prayer:**

Read out loud – *“Holy Spirit, change me by Your presence. Let others see Your light in me—not for my glory, but for Yours. Amen.”*

**Scripture:**

Exodus 34:28 – He wrote the Ten Commandments, the words of the covenant, on the tablets.

**Reflection:**

Moses didn’t come down the mountain empty-handed. He came down carrying the literal Word of God—not just for himself, but for God’s people. When you fast and pray, God doesn’t just renew you—He also equips you. Equips you to be generous, to serve and to speak His truth to others.

**Meditation:**

What message or burden has God placed in your heart during this time with Him? What do you need to do in obedience today?

**Prayer:**

Read out loud – *“God, thank You for still speaking. Help me carry Your Word with humility and power. Let me bless others with what You’ve revealed to me. Amen.”*