



## *Face To Face*

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## Summary

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"And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Moses returned to the camp, but his minister Joshua son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tent." (Exodus 33: 11) God paid the ultimate price to reunite man, His creation, to Himself. An impassible gulf had separate man from God. A gulf generated by the deception and fear that were the fruit of the seeds of doubt that were sown in the Garden of Eden by the serpent. God's willingness to pay the ultimate price for us declares His desire for a relationship that is deeper than religion would have us see.

Most people are happy to stand at the tent doors when God visits the place of Worship. They are too afraid to come near. Many believe that they are not worthy to be in His presences. Many are unwilling to give up their comfort to step near.

God lives in the hearts of those who accept His Son as their LORD and Savior. He desires to have a deeper relationship than even that. God wants a passionate relationship with you. He hides us in His Son, the Rock, as He passes near, covering us with His Favor and Power. He passes near so that we can glimpse what the Glory that we will soon dwell in. We can speak to Him face to face. They day will come when we will stand before Him, face to face. For some, it will mean eternal death. For those who have accepted His Son, it will mean eternal life. His light shall cleanse us from every lie and engulf us in His great love.

Come and speak with God Face to Face.

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## Leader's Guide

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✓ Exodus 33:7 (AMP)

<sup>7)</sup> Now Moses used to take [his own] tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting [of God with His own people]. And everyone who sought the Lord went out to [that temporary] tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

1) Why did Moses place his tent far away from the Camp?

☐ This afforded him quite time with the LORD away from the noise of the camp and the demands of the people.

2) Why was the Moses' tent called the "tent of meeting [of God with His own people]" ?

☐ The tent of Moses was where God chose to meet with the people and where Moses met to judge and teach the people.

{Note: The Tabernacle that contained the Ark, described in Exodus 26-27 had yet to be built. Work on the Tabernacle that contained the Ark begins in Exodus 35.}

✓ Exodus 13:20-22 (KJV)

<sup>20)</sup> And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

<sup>21)</sup> And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

<sup>22)</sup> He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

3) What was the purpose of the pillar of the cloud and the pillar of fire?

☐ Protection, guidance, light and a sign that God was with them

✓ Exodus 14:19-20 (KJV)

<sup>19)</sup> And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

<sup>20)</sup> And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

4) Symbolically, who were the Egyptians?

☐ Those who do not know Christ, those who have rejected Him. They are people steeped in darkness. They are those who are lost in sin. They can not comprehend the light because they are blinded by sin.

✓ John 1:1-5 (KJV)

<sup>1)</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2)</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3)</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4)</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

<sup>5)</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

- 5) If you are not drawn by God can you find your way to join those who are in Christ?
- No. It only by the working of His Spirit that we are drawn unto Him through Christ.
  - You can not become part of the Body of Christ unless God has chosen you.  
John 6:44 - No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...  
John 6:65 - no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.
- 6) Why was the pillar or the cloud darkness to the Egyptians?
- The things of God can not be comprehended by those who are not part of Him.
  - The Egyptians were steeped in darkness, so they could not comprehend the light.
- 7) How can we apply what God did for Israel regarding the Egyptians for ourselves?
- God is our protector, our shield, our guide.
  - We have been separated from the world unto God through Christ.
  - God hides us in Him from those that would seek to destroy us.
  - We have been drawn unto Him out of darkness through Christ into His marvelous light.
- ✓ Exodus 33:8-10 (KJV)
- <sup>8)</sup> When Moses went out to the tent of meeting, all the people rose and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses until he had gone into the tent.
- <sup>9)</sup> When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tent, and the Lord would talk with Moses.
- <sup>10)</sup> And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the tent door, and all the people rose up and worshiped, every man at his tent door.
- 8) What happened when Moses would enter into his tent?
- The pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tent.
- 9) Where did God talk with Moses?
- In his tent, his home.
- A) Why there?
- Because Moses' tent was separated, afar, from the camp he was able to turn from the demands upon his attention and time.
- 10) Where did the pillar of cloud descend?
- At the door of the tent.
- 11) When you accept Christ what does God do?
- He dwells in us.  
John 14:23  
<sup>23)</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love Me, he will keep My words: an My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- A) Why is that important to you?
- It signifies the work of holiness performed by God.
  - It shows how important we are to Him.
  - Because He chooses to dwell with us, we can not be separated from Him; even when we feel like He is far away. Such feelings are a mater of where we are at, not where He is at.

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- <sup>11)</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Moses returned to the camp, but his minister Joshua son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tent.

13) How did the LORD speak unto Moses?

- God spoke to Moses face to face from the door of Moses' tent
- A) Is there any significance to the fact that God spoke to Moses from His tent door and not within the tent?
- Moses was God's friend. God spoke to him as a friend.
  - When we accept Christ, we are made pure and God can dwell in us.
  - God has adopted us as His children, not just made us His friends.

✓ Exodus 32:15-18 (KJV)

- <sup>15)</sup> And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.
- <sup>16)</sup> And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.
- <sup>17)</sup> And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.
- <sup>18)</sup> And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

14) Where was Joshua when Moses was upon the mountain where he received the ten commandments?

- Joshua was waiting at the foot of the mountain. He was not in the camp, but near were Moses and God was.
- A) Is there any significance to the fact that Joshua would remain behind after Moses spoke with God?
- The fact that it is pointed out shows that it is significant.
  - Joshua remained in the presence of the LORD or at least in the area where the LORD had been.
  - Joshua waited at the based of the mountain, while Moses communed with God. He did not cross the boundary set by God, but remained at the foot of the mountain near that boundary.
- B) Based on Exodus 33:11 were was Joshua when God was speaking to Moses?
- Joshua was with Moses, because it said that he remained behind when Moses would leave the tent. Joshua lingered in God's presence or at least the residue of where God had been.

✓ Exodus 33:12-13 (KJV)

- <sup>12)</sup> And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.
- <sup>13)</sup> Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

15) Why did Moses ask God to show him His ways?

- Moses wanted to walk in God's favor and to please Him. The only way to do that was to live according to God's ways.

✓ Exodus 33:14-16 (KJV)

- <sup>14)</sup> And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.  
<sup>15)</sup> And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.  
<sup>16)</sup> For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.  
<sup>17)</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

16) When God says, "I know thee by name" what is He indicating?

- ❑ The statement relays a level of relationship. Some people you know by face, but do not know their names. You may be friendly with them, but you do not know them and they do not know you.
- A) What is the difference that we enjoy?
- ❑ We have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby our hearts cry Aba-Father to Him. Not only does God know us by name, but we have become His children.
  - ❑ Jesus provided us with a better relationship that Moses or Abraham had.
  - ❑ According to Hebrews 11:13 they received the promise, seeing it afar off, but we are the ones who walk in it.

✓ Exodus 33:20-23 (KJV)

- <sup>20)</sup> And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.  
<sup>21)</sup> And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:  
<sup>22)</sup> And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cliff of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:  
<sup>23)</sup> And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

17) Where did God tell Moses to stand in Exodus 33:21?

- ❑ Upon a rock.
- A) Symbolically, what do that rock represent?
- ❑ Jesus, the corner stone. The Rock from whom pours forth living waters; having been once stricken so that we could be set free from sin.

18) Where did God place Moses when His glory passed by?

- ❑ Within a cleft of the rock.
- A) Symbolically, what does this represent?
- ❑ We are hidden in Christ so that we can stand in His presence.
- B) What does God's covering Moses with His hand as He passed by signify?
- ❑ God provided him with the favor he needed and the protection through Christ so that he would not be destroyed by God's glory.

19) What is the main difference between our relationship with God and that which Moses had?

- ❑ Our sins are not just covered, they have been cleansed.
- A) What does that mean for you?
- ❑ We can come boldly into the presence of God without fear. That which separated us from God has been removed.

## ✓ Luke 10:38 (KJV)

- 38) Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.
- 39) And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
- 40) But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
- 41) And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- 42) But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

20) How would you describe Martha?

- Diligent, busy with work
- Careful and troubled about many things.
- Not mindful of the most important thing.

21) How would you describe Mary?

- More concern about being in the presence of the LORD than the demands of her culture or her sister.
- She chose the better part, instead of that which was less important.

22) Was Joshua more of a Martha or a Mary?

- Exodus 33:11 - he lingered in the tent after Moses had left. Joshua clung to where God had been. He was not off doing the work of the camp while Moses talked with God. Joshua was in the tent with Moses.

23) Is being like Martha a risk?

- Yes, if you forget the most important thing over the busy work. Your relationship with Christ must be first.

24) How can you have God in your tent instead of talking with you at the door?

(Leader ponder this question for the answer is key to the whole study. It is also key to your relationship with God. I have left this unanswered so that you will fully consider it. You must have the revelation so that those you teach will receive it as well. You must have the revelation so that your life can be all that God would have it to be.)

## Bible Study Questions

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