

## EXODUS CHAPTERS 33 & 34 (FACILITATOR)

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## Exodus 33:1-6

- Why do you think God told Moses that He would drive out the nations before the Israelites WHILE also telling him that He wasn't going to go with the Israelites?
  - Many times, we may not think of God as having emotions that run extremely deep, but the reality is that God loves passionately. As a result of His passionate love, He cared very deeply about the Israelites decision to turn their backs on Him in chapter 32. He was still very upset and hurt about this.
  - Many times, we also don't think deeply enough about God's holiness and that it cannot and will not be mixed with sin and people on their own agendas. God works with less than ideal people and circumstances every



single day BUT this doesn't mean that God is okay with less than ideal people and circumstances as they are. He wanted and invited the Israelites to so much more and He wants and invites us to so much more!

 Finally, the Israelites had made a mess of what God wanted them to do and be. He was going to forgive but even in the midst of God's forgiveness, there are still consequences.

## Exodus 33:7-23

- How is Moses wrestling and fighting for the Israelites in this passage?
  - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Does his wrestling and fighting for the Israelites come across as demanding of God? Why or why not?
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- Why do you think God not only heard Moses but also listened to him?
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## Exodus 34:1-28

- Notice in verse 18 that God commands the Israelites to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Why does He want this celebrated?
  - God wanted to remind the Israelites where they came from while also acknowledging that it was God who brought them out of Egypt and their slavery.
    - How do you remind yourself of what and where you came from before you knew God and how do you celebrate this?
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# Exodus 34:29-35

- What was/is the significance of Moses' face shining after He had been talking with God?
  - The simple and yet profound significance is that Moses had been in the presence of the Creator of the universe talking with Him and He was literally radiating some of God's glory.
    - How do your conversations with God transform everything about you?
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