

God's desire from beginning of Creation - God's Intended Purpose

\* To have a people display His Abiding Presence - the Distinguishing Mark

\* To display His Glory in His People

◇ The Question - How do we become and grow in being "People of His Presence."

◇ PRAY ◇

**Psalms 103:7 NKJV**

***"He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel."***

\* Ways = path of life, journey, habit, direction

\* Acts = deeds, practices

**How do we get to the place where His ways are more important than His acts?**

Cry for Vintage - to be a people of His Presence

Not gimmicks or showmanship but manifestation/display of His Presence

A people both individually and corporately

◇ REMEMBER quote from last week - ***"Christ waits to be wanted"*** - Tozer

• Let's look at a glimpse of the heart - the passion of Moses

Moses = "drawing out"

He was always wanting more of God

## Exodus 33:12-17

*12 One day Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Take these people up to the Promised Land.’ But you haven’t told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, ‘I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.’*

*13 If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.”*

*14 The Lord replied, “I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you.”*

*15 Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place.*

*16 How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.”*

*(What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?) NIV*

*17 The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.”*

- Walking in God’s Grace/favor is consistently tied to hunger for understanding/comprehension of God’s ways - vs 13

*Amplified - Ex. 3:13 “Now therefore, I pray you, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways so that I may know You [becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with You, recognizing and understanding Your ways more clearly] and that I may find grace and favor in Your sight. And consider also, that this nation is Your people.”*

- 3 Keys found in the text to develop this type of hunger/passion

1. My hunger for God does NOT determine God’s love for me.

We must know (experience) that we ALREADY POSSESS God’s Grace/  
Favor

So many times I equate God's love for me to how spiritual I am.

May I propose Moses' passion for God was "drawn out" because He already knew through EXPERIENCE that he was "one who was drawn out".

- It wasn't even a question - 4x in these 5 verses the text mentions the word "favorable".

**GRACE - unmerited - can't earn it. It was settled in Moses' life!**

◇ Furthermore - God knows OUR NAME

Vs 12 and 17 - *I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.'*

◇ YET - he leveraged those 2 facts.....

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## **2. My hunger for God MUST affect my decision making**

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God promises to lead us...

**Psalms 32:8**

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."*

But our decision must be I'm not going to act until I hear God and get His green light

- **Question - do you ask for and wait upon God's directive?**

### 3. My hunger for God is “drawn out” of times in the Secret Place

Remember it's not obtaining God's love but a passion to grow in that love

- I love the conversational relationship Moses has with God

#### Proverbs 3:13

*“How blessed is the man who obtains wisdom And the man who gains understanding.”*

- “obtains Wisdom” - seeing God's point of view
- “gains Understanding” - seeing life through - experiencing life from Wisdom  
- God's point of view