

## **TUESDAY AUGUST 3**

### **GOD'S PRESENCE AND REST**

**Exodus 33:14**

**As we continue to grow in our relationship with God, there should also be a growing desire for God's presence. If we attempt to do anything or go anywhere without that, there will not be success and we will not experience God's rest that comes with walking God's direction and at His pace.**

**In Exodus 33, we see the intimacy Moses had with God. He knew and experienced God's presence and therefore knew it was a necessity as the leader of the Israelite people. As he inquired of the Lord as to God's intentions for His people, Moses knew that without God's presence he could not successfully lead them. God's presence (in all we do) brings a confidence, trust, strength, and security. As a leader or as just carrying out any endeavor, those qualities are needed. Moses pleaded before God, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here." (Exodus 33:15 NIV) In other words, "I don't even want to attempt going anywhere without you." That is the attitude God desires from us all...just that kind of dependence upon Him.**

**When God saw Moses' attitude and his determination, He gave 7 promises to Moses. These weren't just for Moses alone but are here for those who have the same attitude and heart as well.**

- 1. God promised His presence to go with him (verse 14).**
- 2. God would give rest (verse 14). When His presence goes with us, there will be no striving to attain that calling.**
- 3. God's presence would go with Moses and Israel because of His love for them (Exodus 33:17).**
- 4. God would make all His goodness pass before them (Exodus 33:19).**
- 5. God would proclaim the name of the Lord before them.**
- 6. God would be gracious and show mercy to whomever He willed.**
- 7. God would place Moses in the cleft of the rock and cover him with His hand as He passed by. Moses would only see God's glory from behind (not His face) (Exodus 33:22-23).**

**It is in knowing God's way that we come to know Him and it is in following His way and His presence going with us that we can experience His rest. Ask, seek, and follow in all your ways and all your days.**