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EXODUS

Chapter 32:14; 33

Opening Questions:

- a. What are some subjects you talk about with one of your friends?
- b. Is there anything you think you could learn how to do better from your pastor?
- c. Have you ever been someone's favorite?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why does Moses intercede a 2nd time? Does God grant his request? (*Deut. 24:16, Ezek. 18:4*)
- 2. Is it clear what the Lord's punishment is for the Israelites?
- 3. What book is the Lord referring to in verse 33?
- 4. Are you surprised at how this chapter ends? (*verse 34*)

Chapter 33: 1-11

- 5. In Exodus 33:1–3, God tells Israel He will send an angel ahead but will not go with them personally. What do you think is the difference between God's presence and just His blessings? Which one do people sometimes value more today?
- 6. Why was God still willing to give the Israelites the Promised Land even after they sinned? (*Gen. 12, 15, Isaiah 63:9*)
- 7. Why did God not want to go up "in their midst"? What does this mean? (Ex. 23:20; Hebrews 1:9, Psalms 97:10)
- 8. How did the people react to this news? Is this a typical response under this circumstance?
- 9. What is the tent referring to in verse 7? What might this separation symbolize,

- 10. What happened when Moses went into the tent? What did the people do when they saw the cloud?
- 11. In what way do you think God spoke to man as "a friend." (*Numb. 12:8, Deut. 34:10*)
- 12. How would characterize the Israelites understanding of the relationship between Moses, the tent, and God? (verses 7-11)
- 13. Does this change your opinion of the Israelites behavior with the golden calf? Explain.
- 14. Joshua remained in the tent even after Moses left (v. 11). What does this say about Joshua's character and preparation for future leadership?
- 15. In verses 12–13, Moses asks God to show him His ways so that he can continue to find favor. What was seeking?
- 16. Moses says he will not go forward unless God's presence goes with him. What do you think Moses feared?
- 17. When Moses boldly asks to see God's glory (v.18), how does God respond?
- 18. Is Moses seeing a physical manifestation of God? How do you explain what God was showing him? (1 Timothy 6:15-16; John 1:18; Ex. 24:9-10)