

Exodus 33
“Forgotten Truth”

~ INTRO ~

THE LAST TIME...

- We were together in (Exodus 32)...
 - The chapter ended at (v.35)...
 - With a spiritual leader being out of touch with God.
- **Aaron** (the spiritual leader) satisfied the desires of the crowd...
 - Instead of representing God among men.

TONIGHT...

- We move into (Exodus 33) as the narrative continues.

REMEMBER...

- As we study the OT...
 - The messages are for us, but they're not about us.
 - The scenes are from the past.
 - Yet, the principles are for today.

IDEA #1 – DISAPPROVED LIFE

CHURCH...

- We can't have aspirations of following Jesus...
 - Without any follow thru.
 - (John 14:15) NLT

GOD IS TALKING TO MOSES HERE (v.1)...

- After the rebellion of the people.
 - AND what I find so powerful...
 - Is how God held to His promise.

HOWEVER...

- The devastation was seen in the moment.
 - The presence of God was restrained from His people **because**...
 - (v.3) *stiff-necked people*
 - (v.5) *stiff-necked people*

Stiff-neck = To be stubborn, obstinate, and unwilling to obey...

- Or change one's ways.

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Obstinate: Refusing to change one’s opinion or chosen course of action...

- Despite attempts to persuade a person to do so.
- Refusing to listen to divine direction.

I’M LEARNING...

- That the never-ending work of a pastor...
 - Is to exhort the saints in the way they should go.
 - To be a voice that’s clear / consistent / & *compassionate*.
 - (*Showing concern & offering to help*)

HERE’S OUR LESSON:

- 1) (Eph. 4:30-32) NLT
 - Don’t grieve the Spirit
- 2) (Matt. 3:8) NLT
 - Don’t live a disapproved life

IDEA #2 – GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

YOU CANNOT... HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD...

- When you’re out of step with Gods word.
 - Moses left the camp to hear God.
- Are there things you need to get away from...
 - So you can hear God’s voice again?
 - (2 Cor. 6:14-15) NLT

IDEA #3 – FAITH TAKE AWAYS

- 1) Grace shows us God’s way
- 2) God’s presence gives us rest – peace
- 3) God’s response says... *I will do this*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WORKING...

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- In the children of God moment-by-moment – (Phil. 2:13).
 - Transforming & conforming us to God’s ways.
- It’s the power of God at work in us (His word).

SO...

- If you’re being defeated by the flesh...
 - It’s because you’ve walked away...
 - From the protective covering of God’s love for you.

HERE’S HOW YOU FIX IT:

(Rev. 3:1-3) NLT

- Jesus tells us how to correct a lifeless profession of faith...
 - 1) *Wake up* (v.2)
 - 2) *Strengthen what remains* (v.2)
 - 3) *Go back to what you heard & believed* (v.3)
 - 4) *Hold to it firmly* (v.3)

~ IN CLOSING ~

FOR THOSE GOD IS SPEAKING TO...

- Exercise faith and come to the front...
 - So the pastors can pray for you.