

# Table Group

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*Week of October 12, 2020*

## Exodus 33:1-3, 12-23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, "To your descendants I will give it." <sup>2</sup> I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>3</sup> Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, or I would consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.'

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' <sup>14</sup> He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry

us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' <sup>18</sup> Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' <sup>19</sup> And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' <sup>21</sup> And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Reflect on the places in your life where you feel you are in a wilderness. Do you struggle to believe that God is with you? Where do you see glimpses of God's good work in the world? How did you find a sign of God's presence?

Ponder these questions and share as you are comfortable:

- How is your relationship with God today?
- What spiritual disciplines are you struggling with this week? What life-giving habits are helping to grow your connection with God?
- Is there anything in your life (fear, anger, forgiveness, property, possessions, etc.) that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and others?
- Is there anything you are trying to keep hidden?
- How might the Holy Spirit be working for renewal in your life?