

Essentials For Fulfilling Your Ministry / Your Destiny

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Exodus 33:12 *Moses said to the LORD, See, You say to me, Bring up this people! But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.* NASU

I. *“You say to me, Bring up this people!”*

- Moses was **CALLED** as His minister
- **YOU** WERE ALSO **CALLED** as **a MINISTER** of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:6 *among whom you also are the **called** of Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may **proclaim the excellencies** of Him who has **called you** out of darkness into His marvelous light* NASU

proclaim the excellencies

- Just as Moses did before Pharaoh, at the Red Sea, and in the Wilderness – signs and wonders (Ex.7:3; Acts 2:22; 2:43; 4:30; 6:8; 14:3; Romans 15:19; 1Cor.2:4).

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 *Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry** of reconciliation, (19) namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.* NASU

Romans 8:30 *and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.*

Ephesians 4:1 *walk in a manner worthy of the **calling** with which you have been called*

Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were **called** in one hope of your calling*

II. *“You have not let me know whom You will send with me.”*

So often, when the Lord asks you to do a certain thing, He does not give you all the details of 'how.' And the details only come as you begin to walk in obedience.

III. *“You have said, I have known you by name”*

He Knows Your Name:

Isaiah 43:1 *But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. KJV*

Luke 10:20 . . . *rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*

Revelation 21:27 they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- Your Heavenly Father knows and recorded YOUR NAME.
- Just as your earthly parents recorded your name when you were born and it is filed at the Court House

IV. *“and you have also found favor in My sight.”*

Favor: Old T. – Strongs #2580 KJV - favor, grace, pleasant, precious, [well-] favored The KJV says “grace”

Genesis 6:8 ***Noah** found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD.*

Genesis 18:3 ***Abraham** said, My Lord, if now I have found **favor** (2580) in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant
KJV*

WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED GRACE:

John 1:16 *For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. NASU*

- N.T. Greek (χάρις / charis) also means: favor; pleasure
- It is also the power or ability to accomplish the what HE has asked us to do:
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 *“And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”*
- But, it takes steps of faith, to experience the power, of His grace.
- 1 Cor. 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.*

Exodus 33:13 *Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, **let me know Your ways** that **I may know You**, so that **I may find favor in Your sight**. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.* NASU

- I. **let me know Your ways** literally: show me your ways
- “show” - a word that means: to know, to ascertain by seeing
 - “ways” - a road trodden; figuratively, a course of life or mode of action

Moses had **seen** and **experienced** more of the **ways of the Lord** than any man.

After his encounter at the: burning bush / before Pharaoh / the plagues / the parting of the Red Sea / the Manna / quail / water from the rock / and the thunder and lightning - smoke and fire, and quaking on Mt. Sinai / and the LORD speaking and giving the Ten Commandments: **Moses realizes:**

*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are **your ways My ways**, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.* Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV

And, after all that he had experienced, still Moses cries out for more BECAUSE

The ultimate desire of Moses was NOT JUST TO KNOW THE WAYS OF THE LORD, that was not his only goal or aim, but:

II. “that I may know You”

- Moses had a consuming desire for an INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP with the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY Himself.
- He was not satisfied to just know the “ways of the Lord.” Moses wanted to **KNOW the LORD Himself!**
- Many believers, to some degree or another, want to know the ways of the Lord – His compassion, His judgments, His healing, His gifts, His blessings

- BUT HOW MANY OF US TRULY - as demonstrated by our prayers and way of life - WANT TO KNOW HIM? Are adamantly pursuing an INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP ?
- You ONLY Truly know someone to the degree that – you know their WAYS! Example: marriage

So, KNOWING THE LORD BETTER – MORE INTIMATELY – **BEGINS WITH KNOWING HIS WAYS**, which is learned from quality time together in HIS WRITTEN WORD and SPOKEN WORD (Prayer).

Moses had still another goal in mind:

III. *that I may find favor (or grace) in Your sight*

How do we understand this? The Lord had already said he had found grace in His sight and Moses acknowledged it.

Moses wanted to know the “ways of the Lord” / so that he would “know the Lord” Himself more intimately / so that he may obtain **even more grace** TO WALK PLEASINGLY BEFORE HIM.

This is the all consuming desire and motivation of Moses!

AND

It should be our all consuming desire and motivation!

It is the Desire of Paul for all of us:

Colossians 1:9-10 *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with **the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **SO THAT you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to PLEASE HIM in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.** NASU*

1 Thess 2:12 *so that you would **walk** in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

1 Thessalonians 4:1 *Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to **walk and please God**, that you **excel** still more.*

WE SHOULD PRAY AS MOSES PRAYED:

*Since I have found **grace** (favor) in Your sight,*

- **show me Thy way** - LET ME KNOW YOUR WAYS
- **THAT I MAY KNOW YOU**
- **that I may find GRACE** (more **favor**) in Thy sight.

*JESUS kept increasing in wisdom and stature (or maturity), and in **favor** (grace) with God and men. Luke 2:52*

- If Jesus increased in these ways – **how much more should we.**
- The angel said to Mary “*you have found **favor** with God.*” (Luke 1:30) ->because of her chaste and godly life<-
- 1 Peter 2:19-20 *For this finds **favor** (χάρις / charis; or **pleasure**) if for the **sake of conscience toward God** a person **bears up** under sorrows when suffering unjustly (as Jesus did). (20) For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when **you do what is right** and suffer for it you patiently endure it (as Jesus did), **this finds favor with God.***
 - We find favor or grace from the Lord when we live our life as Jesus lived His life – “harshly treated and endure it.”
 - Job is a good example (Job 1:1-22)
Job 13:15 “*Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.*”
 - All the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11 are an example: vs:39 “*And all these, **having gained approval through their faith.***” Though rejected and suffered greatly.
 - “*By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, for before his translation he had this testimony, **that he pleased God.***” Hebrews 11:5
- 1 Peter 2:21-25 *For **you** have been called for this purpose, since **Christ also suffered for you**, leaving you an **example for you to follow in His steps**, (22) **WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;** (23) **and while being reviled, He did not revile in return;** while suffering, He uttered **no threats**, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; (24) **and He Himself bore our sins** in His body on the cross, **so that WE MIGHT DIE TO SIN & LIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS** for by His wounds you were healed. (25) For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

- In response to PAUL'S THORN or AFFLICTION the Lord said:

*"My **grace** (χάρις / charis; or **favor**) is sufficient (enough) for you, for **power** is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

- The grace or favor of the Lord comes with, or gives us, His **power** - to live the supernatural life of Christ.

- In response to **living a life of GIVING** the LORD says:

*"God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make **all grace** abound to you, so that always having **all sufficiency** in everything, you may have an abundance **for every good deed.**" 2Cor.9:7-8*

- The LORD so loves cheerful giving that He will give you the **favor** the **grace** so that you will have all you need for every good deed. Empower you to do His work.

❖ So, we see that we also can grow in favor with the Lord by "*knowing His ways*" and doing them – Obeying.

- Genesis 6:8 Noah found **favor** (grace – KJV) in the eyes of the LORD.
- Acts 7:46 David found **favor** in God's sight
 - Psalm 27:11 **Teach me thy way, O LORD**
 - David **knew His ways** from His Word through Prayer.

THIS IS THE QUESTION:

- Galatians 1:10 For am **I** now **seeking** the **favor** of men, or of God? Or am I **striving to please** men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.
 - This is a very serious question which we would do good to honestly answer. Who am I trying to please?
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we **request** and **exhort you** in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction (in the "ways" of the Lord) as to how **you ought to walk and please God** as you do walk, that **you excel still more.**

- As you spend time with the Lord in His Word and Prayer **You WILL learn His ways.**
- The MORE you walk in HIS WAYS, the MORE you PLEASE HIM, the **MORE Grace and Favor HE GIVES YOU.**

In response to Moses' plea to "*know His ways so that he may know the Lord*"
The Lord's immediate response was:

Exodus 33:14

I. *My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.* Ex.33:14

- Moses had the "WORD of the Lord," and was a man of PRAYER.
- And **now** Moses had the LORD Himself to walk with him, talk with him and show him how to LIVE the WORD of the Lord in every situation that is "*to know His ways.*"

And the PROMISE of the LORD is to **YOU ALSO:**

My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."

To show YOU how to LIVE the WORD of the Lord in every situation, to "*know His ways.*"

- Matthew 28:20 *I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*
- John 14:16 *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever* NASU
- Hebrews 13:5 *God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* NIV

Exodus 33:15

I. *Then Moses said, If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.* Exodus 33:15

❖ We need the **SAME** Attitude! **Aware** of His **Presence With us**, and **Dependent** on His presence with us.

- Proverb 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, (His presence) and He will make your paths straight.* NASU

Exodus 33:16 *For how then can it be known that I have found **favor** in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by **Your going with us**, so that **we**, I and Your people, may be **distinguished** from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?*

His PRESENCE, DISTINGUISHES US *from all the other people.*

We must ask our self:

- Am I different from all the people?
- Do others see and know that His Presence makes me different?
- We should be able to say as Jesus said:
I have manifested Your name . . . John 17:6

➤ **If** this is the **Desire of YOUR heart**, as it was Moses, the LORD says:

Exodus 33:17 *I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for **you** have found **favor** in My sight and I have known you by name.*

➤ Beginning to realize that **he does have the LORD's favor** . . . Moses boldly asks:

Exodus 33:18 *Then Moses said, "I pray You, **show me Your glory!**"*

- ❖ The hunger, and boldness of his desire to 'KNOW' the LORD, pleased the LORD very much, and the LORD responds:

Exodus 33:19-20 *I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the Name of the LORD before you; [Revelation] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion. But you cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!*

Exodus 33:21-23 *Then the LORD said, "Behold, **there is a place by Me**, and you shall stand there **on the rock**; (22) and it will come about, while **My glory** is passing by, that I will put you in the **cleft of the rock** and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. (23) "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."*

- **"there is a place by Me"** A Special Place.
- **"On the Rock"**- **"The Rock of my salvation."** 2Sam.22:47; Ps.89:26

- David also spoke of The "Secret Place" being a man "after the heart of the LORD."

Psalm 27:5 *For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the **secret place** of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.*

Psalm 27:4 ***One thing** I have **desired** of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. NKJV*

Psalm 27:7-9 *Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me. When **You said, "Seek My face,"** my heart said to You, "**Your face, O LORD, I shall seek.**"
Do not hide Your face from me.*

Psalm 31:20 You hide them in the **secret place** of Your presence from the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

Song 2:14 O my dove, in the **clefts of the rock**, in the **secret place** of the steep pathway, let me see your form, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your form is lovely."

- ❖ The SECRET PLACE is a Special place of Intimacy and Communion with the LORD. It is a place only for those of zealous passion for the GLORY OF THE LORD.
- ❖ The burning **desire** of the heart of Moses, to **behold HIS Glory**, is the same **desire that Jesus has for us to behold HIS Glory**.

John 17:24 *Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that **they may see My glory** which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.*

- ❖ To the degree that this desire consumes us → **WE** behold HIS GLORY:

2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed** into **the same image** from **glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

- Mirror – Creation reflects Him as does His People & His Word.

- ❖ As we pursue the LORD with this kind of Passion – it transforms & changes us more into His image . . . glory to glory:
 - For the same purpose as that of his Son:
 - **Father, glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You** John 17:1
 - This is OUR PURPOSE on this earth. **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** John 17:18
 - We have the same mission that Jesus had:
 - **“that the Son may glorify The Father”**
 - And it is then that we can say with Jesus:
 - **I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.** John 17:4
 - And:
 - **I have manifested Your name . . .** John 17:6

Jesus has made HIS FATHER's NAME known:

John 17:6 **I have manifested Your name** to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

John 17:26 **and I have made Your name known** to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

THE QUESTION IS: Do YOU have this kind of PASSION and DRIVE to SEE and PROCLAIM the GLORY OF THE LORD?

IT REQUIRES: Psalms 63:1 *O my God, **earnestly** (literally: at dawn) I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.* NIV

Song of Solomon 7:12 Let us get up early . . .