

Moses' Intercession To See God

Introduction

Moses was in relationship with God; he knew he was known and loved by God. He had several up close and personal encounters with God and understood himself to be part of God's chosen people and plan. Moses wanted more, he wanted to see God's face. So he asked for God to reveal more of God's self...the glory, the goodness, the grace and mercy.

Discussion Questions

1. Icebreaker question: Share about your name. Do you know the legacy, significance, or story of your first and/or middle name?
2. God knows your name and loves you. God wants to have an intimate relationship with you. Share about your journey of faith. How has your relationship with God changed over time? How is it changing now, in the midst of the pandemic?
3. What do you do when you need to find Sabbath rest? Where do you go to be held in God's abiding presence?
4. Share about a time when have you experienced God's holy presence. What did God look like, feel like? What did God reveal to you in that encounter?
5. What image of God comforts you (ie: Savior, Shepherd, Father, Friend)
6. Where have you seen God's glory on display (ie: in a piece of music, in nature)?

Prayer: "More than a Father" by Mary T. Malone

"The name of the Father I have always known,
This God who creates and holds,
This God who calls and welcomes,
This God who rules and loves,
This God whom I once feared and fought.

But Father is not enough to contain the coming God of my being.
As I grow, God grows.
Deep in my being I know a God who is more,
More than a Father.
I now know God as Mother.

I have been held in her embrace.
I have played at her knee.
I have found a home in her heart.
I have laid my head on her breast.

I have touched the lines on her face.
I have looked into her eyes
And I have known
A God who is Mother.

Mother God,
Father God,
Keep me in your embrace.
AMEN.”

Travel Pack:

Head (memory verse): Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hands/Feet (acts of faith):

Take one hour of Sabbath rest this week to be with God and seek God’s face. Go for a drive or walk to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery. Sit at the waters edge or on a park bench, and let God hold you. Think about how you can offer the gift of this experience to a family member, friend, or neighbor who might welcome Sabbath rest as a break from their daily grind.

Heart (prayer):

God, you are glorious and magnificent. We elevate you amongst all other powers and principalities. Yet, we long to see your face and to see your presence in our world. Draw near to us. Hold us tight in the embrace of your love. Move according to your will. Open our eyes to see you more clearly. Shift our perspective so that we can focus on you and worship you. Amen.