

**Date: October 15, 2017**

**Sermon Title: The All-Satisfying Presence of God**

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**Scripture text(s): Exodus 33:12-17**

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- 1) What is your deepest longing?
- 2) Discuss God's reasons for not going with the Israelites into the Promised Land. In what ways are we like the Israelites?
- 3) Moses intercedes on the Israelites' behalf and Dan discussed how Moses is a type of Christ. Discuss how this points us to Christ. How are you encouraged knowing that Christ intercedes for you?
- 4) Moses knew that without the presence of God it would be impossible to enter the Promised Land due to the Israelites' idolatry. Relate this to your personal life. How is the calling God has for you impossible to achieve without the presence of God? What difference does it make in your life to have His presence with you?
- 5) Moses told God that He had told him to do the task of taking the Israelites into the Promised Land. Moses reminded God of His original calling. Can you, like Moses, remind God of His original calling for you? If so, in what ways are you pleading for His divine direction and assistance in this calling?
- 6) Dan said, "We cannot plead for God's favored presence from a place that God has not authorized us to be." Do you find yourself in this position? What steps can you take this week to find out that authorized place God has for you?
- 7) Why was the angel God promised to send ahead of Moses not enough for him?
- 8) Dan told us that Moses was pleading with God to preserve these people not based on their own merit but on the favor of God upon Moses. How is this another picture of Christ?
- 9) How have you seen in your own life God's favor and how His presence being with you enabled you to do His calling? Discuss any times in your life when you've been operating outside of God's calling and how that affected your life and the lives of people around you.
- 10) Moses asked for a deeper knowledge of God in order that God's favor would be upon Him. Dan spoke of the cycle of grace where God's favor leads to a deeper knowledge of God which in turn leads to more favor. Dan asked, "Do you pray for the solution to your problem rather than praying for the means to the solution for your problem?"

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- 11) Discuss how having God's presence with you leads to rest knowing that you're in the middle of God's will.
  - 12) Moses knew that being the people of God is linked to God's presence being with them. Do you have this confidence? Do you approach God's calling on your life like Moses did?
  - 13) Dan asked, "Are you content to be in a place where God is not because it's safe and comfortable?" What is preventing you from seeking God's presence?
  - 14) Discuss ways that being comfortable and safe and having great blessing may not indicate God's presence is with you?
  - 15) What are the benefits of God's presence being with you?
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### Group Prayer Time:

Have 1 – 2 people in your group pray through each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer acronym.

1. **Adoration** – How is God's character reflected in this week's passage? Let that revelation lead you to worship and adore God.
2. **Confess** – The Word of God exposes and uncovers sin. Respond to that conviction by agreeing with what God has said about your sin.
3. **Thanksgiving** – Where do you see God working? Thank God for his faithfulness in your life and the lives of others.
4. **Supplication** – God's Word helps us understand his purposes and plans. Ask God to give you the desires of his heart as you pray for your needs and the needs of others.

### Pray for Missions:

This week in your group prayer time, have someone pray for this missions' effort. Different missions will be highlighted every week.

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