Family Discipleship Resource January 7-13 (Exodus 33:12-17)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Thank you for allowing me to come boldly before you in prayer. Help me to follow closely behind you wherever you may lead.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – <u>Read the Text (Exodus 33:12-17)</u>

Then 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.' 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." And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. 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?" The LORD said to Moses, "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."

O – Observe what God has said

What does Moses request of the Lord in this passage?

Why was the presence of the Lord so important for Moses? Why is it so important for us today?

W – Work on Application

In this passage, Moses desperately cries out for God's presence to go with him as he faces a difficult predicament. What he does ought to encourage us to do the same in every season of life. The difficulty is that we often don't recognize just how desperate we always are for what only God can give.

In what ways are we dependent on the Lord?

How might we seek the Lord's presence this week?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."-James 4:8a