

From: Go Away! to You Gotta Stay!

Exodus- Part 12 Exodus Chapters 32-34
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Moses' 'Go Away' (when he meets God at the burning Bush):

Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." (Exodus 4:13)

Moses' 'You Gotta Stay' (before entering the Promised Land):

"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." (Exodus 33:15)

Part of Moses' transformation comes not from an easy life, full of pleasure and popularity but from finding that in the most difficult circumstance, God was true to His promises. On the brink of seeing all riches of the Promised Land, Moses wants no part of it unless God will continue to be with Him.

"It is the trials, struggles, losses, and often the self-inflicted pain of our sin that opens us to discover the true nature of God. Humility, not victory, is what makes us receptive to the most profound revelations about God's character. **Most of us have grown closest to God through events and circumstances we would never have chosen; seasons of loss, failure, or struggle.** The formative power of pain is undeniable but rarely affirmed. No church attracts newcomers by saying, "Our church promises to bring trials and suffering into your life to deepen your communion with God." But, painful seasons are so formative because we are confronted with the truth that the control we assumed over our health, finances, relationships, reputations, or circumstances was just an illusion." – Skye Jethani *With God Daily* 9/21&22/20

Notes:

2. Lighting up the World

Moses "glowed" not from following the teachings God gave but from spending time with Him! And people took notice! What Moses experienced in his time spent with God is available to us! God's very presence (His Spirit) is alive in us! A light to the world!

Exodus 34:29-30 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the **light** of all mankind.

John 8:12 "I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life."

John 12:36 "Put your trust in the **light** while you have it, so that you may become sons of **light**."

Matthew 5:14 "You are the **light** of the world."



Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. If it's true that we tend to grow and mature through trials, why do people/churches tend to avoid emphasizing this reality when talking about God with others?
3. God's "glory" is mentioned frequently in the book of Exodus. In your own words, how would you define it?

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