

Week 2: Dedication After Defeat

Exodus 34:27-33

“Then the Lord said to Moses,” Exodus 34:27a (NIV)

A. Who was Moses?

1. Saved by God

“Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: ‘Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile but let every girl live.’” Exodus 1:22 (NIV)

2. Redeemed by God

“Looking this way and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.” Exodus 2:12 (NIV)

3. Used by God

“The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”” Exodus 4:11-12 (NIV)

The key: No matter who we are or what we have done, through Jesus, God can and will use us. We just need to be available.

B. Dedication After Defeat

“Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” Exodus 34:27b-c (NIV)

1. The Old Covenant

“Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water.” Exodus 34:28a (NIV)

2. Godly sustainment

“And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.” Exodus 34:28b (NIV)

3. The second round of the Ten Commandments.

The key: Not only do we need to keep our dedication to the Gospel after defeat, but God, through Jesus, keeps His dedication to us even after our defeats.

C. The Shining Effects of God’s Presence

“When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands...” Exodus 34:29a (NIV)

1. Enriched with treasure.

“...he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.” Exodus 34:29b (NIV)

2. Adorned with beauty.

“When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so, Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.” Exodus 34:30-32 (NIV)

3. Reverenced with holiness.

“When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.” Exodus 34:33 (NIV)

4. Respected with humility.

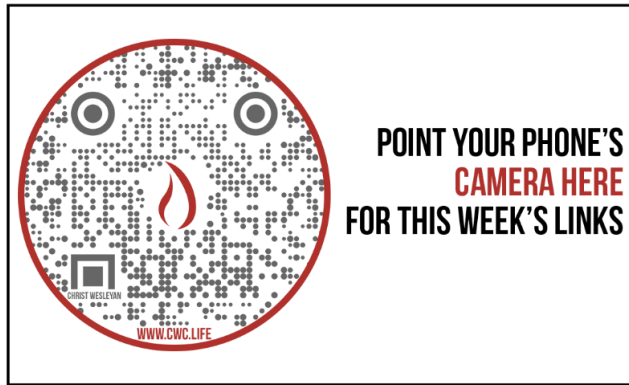
The key: When we spend proper time in God’s presence, we should naturally radiate His presence and embody the Word in the world.

D. Our response?

1. Recognize Whose you are and realize what He can do with your availability.
2. How do you handle defeat?
3. Does a veil live in your heart that is keeping you from a radiant encounter with Jesus? Only Christ can remove it.

*To begin a relationship with Jesus...
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Next Sunday: Week 3: The Power of 40: Dedication During Depression.



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 124.2% of giving goal

Giving year to date: 91.1% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 1,761