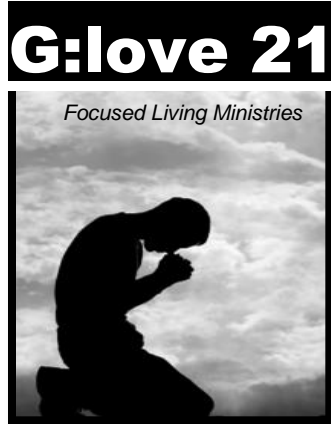


Intimacy With God The Father

A Sheriff pulled a man for running a stop sign. The man quickly devised a plan to avoid a ticket. "Sir, license and registration please. You failed to come to a complete stop," explained the sheriff. "But officer, I slowed down. No one was coming. It was perfectly safe," countered the man. "Sir, a complete stop is the law," repeated the officer. The driver thought for a moment. "Look, if you can show me the difference between *stop* and *slow down*, you can double my ticket. But if you can't, then you must only give me a warning." The officer agrees and asks the guy to exit his vehicle. He as he starts to beat the tar out of him with his nightstick he asks, "Sir, do you want me to *stop* or just *slow down*?" **Do you daily stop to enjoy fellowship with and listen to the Father in order to connect and align your heart? Or do you slow down just enough to blow into His presence with a short prayer and Scripture verse? How would your Creator God honestly describe your time alone Him?**



INVITATIONS TO INTIMACY Intimacy = 'into-Me-see!' Intimacy is knowing and experiencing God. Our Creator relentlessly invites His men (His adopted sons) into His presence for communion and fellowship with their Dad. Though we know Him, He calls us to continue to pursue Him. As we grow in our intimacy with Him, our affections for Him will naturally grow. Which of His invitations are you pursuing with gusto? Which are you neglecting?

- "_____ Me" (Jn 10:14; 17:3; 14:9; Jer 9:23-24)
- "_____ Me" (Jn 14:11; 20:27-31)
- "_____ Me" (Mt 4:19)
- "_____ to Me" (Mt 11:28)
- "_____ with Me" (Jn 15:4-10)
- "_____ from Me" (Mt 11:29)
- "_____ Me" (Mt 7:7-11; Jer 29:13; Psalm 63:1)
- "_____ after Me" (Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1)

A GLIMPSE OF HIS GLORY The more Moses responded like a glove to God's love the more he developed an intimate relationship with the Father. He saw it not as spending time but an investment of time that was not a **project** but a **privilege**. Check out these principles so that you too can grow in your closeness to and love toward God..



MOSES WANTED GOD, NOT A CHEAP SUBSTITUTE

(Ex 23:20; 23:23; 32:34; 33:2; 33:12-13; John 17:1-3, 25-26)

For 80 years Moses had followed His own way but for over a year had finally experienced God's hand in and upon his life. He was not going to fill his life again with a cheap substitute for God when he could have the real thing! Moses wanted God and would not settle for some two bit angel! Any cheap substitutes for God in your life?



HE HAD A SPECIAL PLACE/TIME TO SEEK GOD'S FACE

(Ex 33:7-11; Luke 5:16; 22:39-41; Eccl 5:1-2; Daniel 6:10; Acts 3:1) He understood the priceless value of meeting quietly alone with God, not for the checked off box but for the checked up heart. He was seeking refreshment to rest, fire to ignite and solitude to tenderize his often cold, hard heart. What is your daily routine? What interruptions or struggles do you have finding the time? Will you trust that the time/effort you invest will bring dividends?



MOSES WANTED A GLIMPSE OF HIS GLORY

(Ex 33:18-34:9; John 17:1-2, 4-5, 22, 24; I Peter 5:10; Luke

10:39-42) Moses grew to desire as much of God as he could experience. That's why he cried out "**Show me your glory!**" (kabod' weight-loins). God's glory is the sum total of all His attributes. What does a glimpse of God's glory each day do to right size your problems, bring perspective to adversity, worry, fear, and doubt? Why?



GOD DESIRES THAT WE REMEMBER TO WRITE DOWN THE TRUTHS, PRINCIPLES & INSIGHTS THAT HE TEACHES US EACH DAY

(Ex 34:1, 27-29;

Psalm 102:18; Prov 3:3; 7:3; Eccl 12:10; Jer 30:2; Deut 8:2-14; All of Scripture!) Our Father longs to use the information of His truth for the transformation of our lives. A powerful way to grow spiritually is to process God's truth from your **HEAD** to **HEART** to **HANDS** until it becomes a **HABIT** by the journaling. "Remember" is used over 200 times in the OT and 55 times in the NT. We remember 5% of what we hear/read; 25% of what we hear/read/record; 50% of what we hear/read/record/teach and 90% of what we hear/read/record/teach and apply! Satan does not mind you reading the Bible, but he will unleash hell if he sees you desiring to know God or applying His truth in response to His love. **WHAT** does it say? **SO WHAT** does it mean? **NOW WHAT** shall I do with it?

ASSIGNMENT: Journal each day this week from any of the passages on this G:Love sheet.