

FACE TO FACE

DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

Moses' Story

Focus Like Moses, we can experience God's presence. God wants us to continually pursue knowing Him better.

Open Tell a funny story from your childhood.

Read The prophet Moses was known by God, and God talked to him face-to-face (Numbers 12:6–9, Deuteronomy 34:10). Yet Moses wasn't content simply to be known by God and to have His favor. He wanted to experience God's presence and to know God more (Exodus 33:8–23). Like Moses, we need three things to say we have **MET** God:

1. We need a *miracle*. The children of Israel had a miracle when they were brought out of slavery in Egypt through their deliverer, Moses. In the same way, we need the miracle of a heart change. Our lives are transformed when we believe in Jesus and are reconciled to God through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
2. We need to have an *experience*. Moses wanted to see God's glory, so he asked God to reveal Himself to him. We can experience God's presence over and over again. This happens when we continually want more of God's glory in our lives and we pursue knowing Him more. Every difficult situation we encounter is an opportunity for God to reveal His glory.
3. We need to share our *testimony*. Our testimony is what God has done in our lives that we cannot take credit for ourselves. We must be honest about our own weaknesses in our testimonies because God overcoming in us despite them gives Him even more glory.

Talk

1. How do you know when you are experiencing the presence of God? Describe to the group what that looks like in your life.
2. Salvation results in a change in our hearts. This is a miracle that every follower of Jesus experiences. What other miracles has God done in your life?
3. Read Exodus 34:5–7. What did God reveal to Moses about Himself? Which attribute of God do you want Him to show you?
4. Read Mark 9:2–9. What does this story reveal about Jesus?
5. What is your current testimony? What is God doing in your life right now that you want to give Him thanks and glory for?

Live

Write in a few paragraphs your testimony of how you came to believe in Christ. Who first told you about Jesus? What was happening in your life at the time that led to your decision? What changed in your life after you committed yourself to the Lord? Now, ask God to show you an opportunity to share your testimony with someone who doesn't know Him.

Pray

Thank you, Lord, for revealing Yourself to us. Thank You for allowing us to experience Your presence. We praise You because You are a compassionate, gracious, loving and faithful God. Give us hearts that want to experience Your presence more fully and frequently. Help us to bring You glory by sharing our testimonies.