

“Confronting Our Shame and Fear”

By: Pastor Vern



Exodus 33:18-23 (NIV)

[18] Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” [19] And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Exodus 33:18-23 (NIV)

[20] But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." [21] Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. [22] When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. [23] Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Exodus 33:7-18 (NIV)

[7] Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. [8] And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.

[9] As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.

[10] Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent. [11] The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. [12] Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'

[13] If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” [14] The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

[15] Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

[16] How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the

earth?” [17] And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” [18]

Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”





[7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

***The further back into being
clothed with the Glory we can
get - the less Shame, or the
feeling that Something is Wrong
with us – the less it bothers us.***

To make it stop, we will typically do one of 2 things:

(#1) Back away from the people (We're labeled.....)

(#2) Take the victims role and placate the people so we don't lose them as our friends, etc. (The Relationship)

***Remember: > To follow Jesus we need to:
(Matt., Mark, and Luke)***

- Deny ourselves.***
- Take up our cross.***
- Lose our Life (Psuche)***
- Be willing to sell and leave everything.....***
- Following Jesus will strain relationships
with those nearest us..... (Matt. 10:32-39)***

(This is the stage we begin to learn that choices will need to be made to put Jesus (Our Lord) before people. (v. 33))

(This is the stage that we learn taking a stand for God first, which will cause conflict in relationships, (v. 34) and that this conflict is his will. (v. 34)

To be a Disciple we need to:

- First be a follower (Luke 14:27)

(All those requirements.....)

- DISCIPLESHIP

- > Receive Training / Teaching that changes our lifestyle.**
- > Will Focus on Self-Discipline**
- > Predominantly an Inner Work in us, that produces change in us for ministry**
- > Dying to Our Old Nature is Paramount**

Luke 14:25-27

[25] Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: [26] “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. [27] And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

1. For a Follower: “Turn Against / Set at Variance / Foes / Enemies”

2. For Disciple: “Hate” the relationships.

3. For a Follower: “Take his cross”.

4. For a Disciple: “Carry his cross”.

***5. Follower: “Relationships,
Property, Money”***

6. Disciple: “Everything”.

The further back into being clothed with the Glory we can get - the less Shame, or the feeling that something is Wrong with us – the less it bothers us.

The further back into being clothed with the Glory we can get - the less Fear, or the feeling that Something bad is going to happen to us - the less it will bother us.

[8] Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

[10] He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."