



**...going deeper**

**a guide for your own study during the week**

**So You Want to See God? (Exodus 33:12-23)**

**to think about**

Does it really make a difference putting your trust in God? Is it enough to live by a set of rules? Does living by a set of rules have an effect on your life ...an effect that is more than external? When does self-help take over and subsume relationship with God? And prayer ...does it just make us feel good ...or does it make a difference? Would it be any different to pray to Apollo for example?..

The Israelites had been led out of Egypt by Moses, with God demonstrating his power in all sorts of incredible ways. And now they were in the desert, and things have been a bit up and down (see earlier in Exodus, and earlier talks and studies in this series)...

**Read Exodus 33:12-23**

What do you think about the way that Moses talks to God (12-13)?

Moses wants to continue to find favour with God, what does he ask God to do (13)?

How do you feel about God's response to Moses' request (14)?

Do verses 15 &16 answer the question 'does it make a difference putting your trust in God'?

### **taking it further**

Moses said he wanted to find favour with God, and God said:

*"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.... I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."* How do you feel about God's response? How does it relate to you?

Moses wanted to see God's glory, and, in the intimate conversation that followed, God said to Moses that he would see as much of God as a human being can see. Later on we read that Moses' face was radiant after meeting with God (Exodus 34:29-35).

It has been said that we become like the thing we worship. Someone else has said 'beholding is becoming'. How do you feel about this?

Respond as you feel led to respond.