

Time Alone With God Exodus 33:3; 7-16 (ESV)

God wants time alone with us so He can place His distinguishing mark on our lives to set us apart. We can't afford to do life without God. Time alone with Him is not optional.

In Exodus 33, we read that Moses had to spend time with God. To spend time alone with God, we must:

Establish a place (v. 7-8)

When the Israelites saw the tent, it reminded them that God was available. Do we have a tent? We should be able to erect a tent (at home, at work, in the car, exercising, *etc.*) and keep our hearts postured so we can find God wherever we are. But don't just erect a place, we must go into the tent (your place) to be with God. God is the One inviting us to the tent.

Encounter Him personally (v. 9-11)

Our main objective when we get into the tent is to encounter God personally. When we get there, we should speak to God face to face with no pretense (take off the mask). This will cause God to fix our hearts. God wants to transform and anoint the real you.

"You cannot bring a fake you and have an encounter with God." – Pastor Billy Johnson

Expect His presence (V. 12-16)

- When God is with us, we can go through whatever is going on in our lives and God will show up. God is not just God in the mountains, but we should expect His presence in the low places in life too.
- When we know that God is with us, we can learn how to rest. He's the One who stabilizes us. 3) His presence is an indicator that we have favor. This favor begins to unlock, and things start to happen when we expect His presence. 4) His presence causes a mark of distinction in our lives.

“Be very intentional about having time alone with God.” – Pastor Billy Johnson