

# INTIMACY WITH GOD

## Deuteronomy 34

Open – “Blessed Challenges”

Moses’ obedience – ch.32:48-52

Growth in him as a leader – uncertain beginnings,  
failings => obedience – 120 yrs old, 2,700 ft above sea  
level to face his death

In his final moments of life, God reaffirms His mercy and  
promises to Moses and honours the life of Moses, His friend.

Intimacy seen in ...

1. What God shows (vs. 1-3)

- The Land that would be inherited  
Vast area (map) – 100km E/W, 300 km N/S  
Last visual = his “children” would be provided for  
**Ex.** facing end of life, wills = know children provided for
- Us?
- Moses and Jesus parallels
  - born in violent times (king Egypt midwives, kill Hebrew boys//Herod kill 2yr old)
  - deliver people from Egypt//deliver people from sin
  - promised land //heaven – beautiful
    - Moses/Jesus - undeserved but provided
    - God shows His mercy and grace
    - Forgiveness, eternity = God provides for His children

2. What God says (vs. 4)

- “I have let you see it” even though he would not enter it
- God lets Moses see His plans - “pinnacle moment”/  
generational – Abraham, Issac, Jacob (Deut.1, 34)
  - God lets us see His plans - John 15:14-15 – (Vine/  
branches) intimacy with God – not warm fuzzies,  
but on obedience (friends) – “walk in His ways”

- God has plans and lets us know them
  - Walk in His Ways = walk with a trusting friend – in obedience b/c HE is trustworthy
  - Read His Word/see others as they walked, how God did what He said He would = trust Him!
  - God keeps His promises = He is faithful!

### 3. What God does (vs. 5-12)

- God honours Moses and their intimacy (5-8, 10-12)
  - Moses honoured God (“nothing compares to Him”) but now God honours Moses’ life
  - Provides leadership (vs.9)
  - Mourning - 7 days normal, 30 days permitted (v.8)
  - God buries him (6)
    - Some versions “was buried” but no one knows...
  - Christ’s transfiguration (Luke 9:30-31) with Elijah “talking with Jesus @ His departure (Exodus)”
  - Knows him “Face to Face” (v.10)
    - “Miraculous signs and wonders, mighty power and awesome deeds...”, but also as a friend

#### **Ex. Epitaph**

- At the end of your life, don’t you want to be known as the one who God knew? Walked in His ways? Not just getting by but developing a deep intimate relationship with Him? I do. I hope you do?

Reflect on Moses – man who walked with God, walked in His ways. Learned to be obedient, had an intimacy with God that was real, personal, face to face. He wants that same relationship with us – to be able to say of “ \_\_\_\_ I know you face to face” We need to cultivate our relationship with Him so that we may experience the intimacy that Moses experienced with God - through obedience, through seeing what He shows us, learning to trust what He says to us/His plans, recognizing the honour He gives to those who follow and are known by God – face to face.

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