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Preaching

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Not on delivery, you are not going to use all 99 minutes of your 99 minutes meditation on one thing, there is not enough time. Some students think that they have to go through a checklist to prove that they did their homework. You can go through it droning, but find a creative way to tell the historical context.

Your sermon talk should be Bible truth expressed through personality. Find that truth, this is the nugget. Then explain it and illustrate it in the way you do do it.

Audience member, stay engaged with the people up there. It helps as a speaker to have feedback from the audience. Try to focus more on content than delivery.

Exodus 33:9-11 (ESV) When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Full access to His glory, felt and knew there was more.

Exodus 33:18-23 (ESV) Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 (ESV) No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.