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## **Rely On Me**

I'm tired. I'm weary. I'm worn out. I'm done. I will go no further. I will not take another step without you leading and guiding my life. I have had enough of going it all alone. I have struggled and strived working under my own power and strength. I want and desperately need your help. You have given me a lot to do for you. But right now, I'm at a full stop. I am unable to do what you have given me to do for you. **You are right where I want you.** How can that be? I'm not encouraged. What do you mean? **I want you to give up on your own efforts. I want you to rely on me.** I need to hear more from you. Teach me your ways.

**I will never give you an assignment that you can accomplish with your own power and strength. What would happen if I did that? Would you ever come to rely on me if you didn't need my help?** If I never needed your help I would never come to rely on you. I would just use my own abilities to accomplish what you have given me to do for you. **Would you ever know that I was working in and through your life if you never needed my help?** No, I would have very little knowledge of your presence being with me to help me if I did all the work by myself. **Would we have any kind of close and intimate relationship if you never needed to come to me to ask for my help? Would you ever draw near to me to ask me for something that you needed if you never needed anything?** No, I would be very independent and self-sufficient if I never needed anything from you. **Who would receive the honor and glory if you did all the work?** I would receive the honor and glory if I alone did all the work. I don't ever want that to happen. **You can relax, it won't. Who would be drawn to me if they could never see my hand at work?** No one would be drawn to you if I alone did the work. **Why is that?** What I can accomplish by myself, in my own strength is nothing spectacular. It would be fairly feeble and barely noticed. When you do your work in and through me that is when people stand up and take notice. They don't notice me. They take notice of you. **What fruit would be born for my kingdom and my glory through your efforts all alone?** I can't bear any fruit for your kingdom and your glory. Apart from you I can do nothing that will bear fruit for your kingdom or bring glory to your name. **That's right. Will you come to rely on me?** Yes Lord, I will rely on you. **My presence will be with you to help you. You can rely on me now and forever.**

*Lord, so many times I have timidly tip toed through life on my own with my own strength. No more! I will now go no further. I will not take another step without you. I want you to lead and guide me. I want your presence to go with me. Now, I will follow you. Amen*

**Knowing God***Teach Me Your Ways*

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NIV

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Show Me Your Ways*

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

ESV

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Let Me Know Your Ways*

One day Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.' If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people." The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."

NLT

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Show Me Now Your Way*

Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

NKJV

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NRSV

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Let Me In On Your Plans*

Moses said to GOD, "Look, you tell me, 'Lead this people,' but you don't let me know whom you're going to send with me. You tell me, 'I know you well and you are special to me.' If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don't forget, this is your people, your responsibility." GOD said, "My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end."

MSG

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Show Me Now Your Way*

Moses said to the Lord, See, You say to me, Bring up this people, but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You said, I know you by name and you have also found favor in My sight. Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You [progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with You, perceiving and recognizing and understanding more strongly and clearly] and that I may find favor in Your sight. And [Lord, do] consider that this nation is Your people. And the Lord said, My Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

AMP

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Guide Me Clearly Along The Way*

Moses talked there with the Lord and said to him, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people to the Promised Land,' but you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You say you are my friend, and that I have found favor before you; please, if this is really so, guide me clearly along the way you want me to travel so that I will understand you and walk acceptably before you. For don't forget that this nation is your people." And the Lord replied, "I myself will go with you and give you success."

TLB

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Let Me Know Your Ways*

Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'" Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."

NASB

Exodus 33:12-14

**Knowing God***Show Me Your Plans*

Moses said to the LORD, "You have told me to lead these people, but you did not say whom you would send with me. You have said to me, 'I know you very well, and I am pleased with you.' If I have truly pleased you, show me your plans so that I may know you and continue to please you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD answered, "I myself will go with you, and I will give you victory."

NCV

Exodus 33:12-14

# Teach Me Your Ways

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**Knowing God** – Exodus 33:12-14

**In Context:** *Read Exodus 33*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, so many times I have timidly tip toed through life on my own with my own strength. No more! I will now go no further. I will not take another step without you. I want you to lead and guide me. I want your presence to go with me. Now, I will follow you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**When have you said that you would go no further without the Lord's presence guiding you through life?**

**When have you been most aware of the fact that the Lord is going with and leading you through life?**

**How comforting and encouraging is it for you to know that the Lord knows you intimately?**

How has the presence of the Lord going with you given you courage and strength in difficult challenges?

How has the presence of the Lord going with you comforted you in setbacks and loss?

How has the presence of the Lord going with you guided and directed your path through life?

How has the presence of the Lord going with you given you hope and trust when the way ahead seemed unclear?

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Rely on the presence of the Lord to be with you to lead and guide through every step in life.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will go with you to lead and guide you through every step in life.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has been with you through every step of your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you rely on the Lord to teach you His ways as He goes with you and leads you through life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will rely on you to teach me your ways as you go before me and lead me through life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what do you want to teach me about your ways as I follow you through life?*

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