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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ex. 33:17 *And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”*

This unique passage is found as Moses is up on Mt. Sinai receiving the law from the LORD. This is the original “mountain top” experience. It’s called that because it is where Moses went to “meet” with the LORD. Now we know that the LORD does not live on the mountain alone. He is everywhere at all times. The universe cannot contain the presence of our great God.

Moses is asking the LORD for help as he is leading the people to the “promised land.” He feels unsure and inadequate to direct these people of God. The LORD responds to Moses in **v. 14** *The LORD replied, My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*” In other words, the LORD is reminding Moses that he will not have to do this alone. Moses was focusing on the outcome rather than on obedience. This can be our downfall when we do the same thing. We too often look with expectations to what we think must be the outcome instead of just obeying and allowing the LORD to control what happens.

Again, Moses is still not completely ready for the task. In **vv. 15-16** Moses asks an important question; *“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”* And the LORD responds with today’s verse, *“I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”* What a reassuring word from the Almighty. The LORD knows you by name as well. He knows everything about you; everything! And what is so amazing is that He loves us anyway. Moses knew his own limitations and his own faults, and yet God was pleased to do His work through him.

Dear LORD, You know everything about us. You know our faults. You know our weaknesses. Yet You love us anyway. You know our names. You know our hearts. We put our complete trust in You or LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen.