

FACE TO FACE

Can I please share an intimidating thought with you? Exodus 33:11 (NLT) says “Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend”. So often I think we treat God like He is someone or something far away. Or that He is a presence or a being that once was here, and then left us to fend for ourselves. This scripture intimidates me because it almost sets a benchmark for mankind, it sets the bar of what a relationship with God is supposed to look like. It clearly states how God actually wants to communicate with His creation, with ME. Face to face. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 confirms that God is personal, that He wants to have that face to face contact with those desiring it. Have you ever been face to face with someone you didn't know or didn't want to be that close too? It's intimidating, sometimes a little awkward, you want to push that person away. I find the same is true when it comes to God. Maybe we don't know Him, so inevitably, it's going to be awkward when we try to meet with Him. Maybe we have blamed God for a situation, and so our emotions keep Him at an arm's length. Meeting someone for the first time or the first time in a long time is always a little nerve racking. It's not until we know that person that we truly allow an intimate relationship to form. This thought doesn't just intimidate me, it also encourages me. The fact that someone as messed up as me, (check out Moses' story!) had a face to face relationship with God means that I can too. All I need to do is go and meet with him. How do you do that you ask? Go find a quiet place by yourself and pray. Read your Bible. Go visit your local church pastor. You too can have a face to face relationship with God, as one speaks to a friend.

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