



EXODUS 34:6-7

Exodus 34 finds the people of Israel, former slaves in Egypt, still recovering from grievous sin. Despite being redeemed by signs and wonders, and even crossing the Red Sea, they stumble blatantly into idolatry with the golden calf. Moses' second encounter with the Lord on Mount Sinai follows this incident. God instructs Moses to carve new stone tablets, and reveals His name and remarkable attributes, emphasizing that there is no God like the Lord.

THE SCRIPTURE

⁶The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

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LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: EXODUS 34:6-7

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Can you recall a time when you endured a broken relationship only to see it resolve positively?
2. Who is someone you admire and would love to meet in person? What qualities do they possess that make you hold them in such high regard?

DIVING DEEPER

3. Scan the immediate context of these verses. What happens immediately before? What happens after?
4. One of the unique features of Exodus 34:6-7 is that it contains, in compact wording, a large number of character qualities the Lord uses to describe himself. List those below, and try to describe each of them in one phrase of explanation.

Quality - use the exact wording	Explanation in your words

5. Of those listed, which character quality of the Lord's do you find most comforting, and why?
6. How does this passage differ from Exodus 3:13-14? What has transpired to prompt the Lord to reveal more about his character?

7. Looking back into Exodus 33:18, what had Moses asked of God? In Exodus 33:19, what did God first tell Moses in response to Moses' prayer? Why do you think that Moses asked for this in the first place?

8. In Exodus 34:7, the Lord says of himself that while he forgives, he will not "clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." What do you think this means? How does this affect the way you feel about God?

9. How would clearly seeing God's awesomeness help when you're feeling down about your own or others' mistakes?

10. First, read 1 Kings 19:7-18. Then, consider both Exodus 34:6-7 and 1 Kings 19. How does your understanding of Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-7) broaden?

11. Quoted many times over, Exodus 34:6-7 serves as a key verse in the Bible. Why do you think that is?

CLOSING OUT

12. What do you sense the Lord is teaching you or growing you in at the moment?

13. How can we be praying for you?