

THIS WEEK'S DRINK FROM THE SPRING 4-19-10

This Week's Thought: Renewal: *"To take up again, replenish, bring into being again."*

This Week's Quote: *"The problem for most of us is not how to sustain renewal, but how to get one started."*

This Week's Prayer Concern: Join with me in seeking God for renewal and revival within us and our congregation.

This Week's Scripture: *"The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.* (Exodus 33:11 N.I.V.)

Moses certainly experienced intimacy with God. That intimacy came with a price tag. In Exodus 33, Moses demonstrates what that price tag was.

- 1) *"Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it 'tent of meeting.'"* (Exodus 33:7)
Moses was willing to regularly separate himself from others for a time, so that he might hear from God. If you and I are to experience renewal we also must take time to be alone with God. We read often in the Gospels where Jesus went off by himself to be alone with His Father.
- 2) *"And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrance to their tents, watching Moses,"* (Exodus 33:8).
We must always be mindful that others are watching and listening to us. D. L. Moody once said, *"Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary use words."*
- 3) *"While the Lord spoke to Moses,"* (Exodus 33:9). We must be willing to learn to hear and obey the voice of God. Jesus said, *"My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me."* (John 10:27).
We learn to recognize someone's voice by spending time with them.

Wendy and I just returned from a Pastor/Spouse New Parish Retreat. One thing that the Holy Spirit reminded me of is this, "He's ever present." If I do not feel as close to Him as I once did, He was not the one that moved. It was me.

Serving With You,

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