



For Further Study



Read and meditate on the passage below:

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. (Exodus 34:29-32)

The above passage is from the Exodus account of the people at Mount Sinai. Moses has returned up the mountain to receive a second set of God's top ten commandments or guidelines for living (The originals were smashed against the rocks when Moses saw the people worshiping the golden calf in Exodus 32.).

Moses' face was said to be radiant from his time with God. Wouldn't it be amazing if we spent so much time with God that others saw God's influence on us? Moses was not aware of it, but the people were so uncomfortable with Moses' appearance that they were afraid to come near him (so eventually Moses covers his face).

It seems that Mark is tying these stories of Moses on Mount Sinai to Jesus and the disciples on the mount where he is transfigured. Like Moses, Jesus came down and sees the commotion going on and the people were awe-struck by Jesus' appearance (perhaps with continued radiance from his transfiguration atop the mountain).



REFLECTION:

Consider how well you reflect the nature of God in your daily interaction with others.

PRACTICE:

Spend some extended time with God in prayer and meditation this week.