



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 33	Title:	Sighs or Signs?
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Summary of Chapter	This passage follows the terrible incident when the Israelites worshipped the golden calf. God told Moses that He would not go with these rebellious, self-centered, stiff-necked people into the Promised Land. Moses pleaded with God that he was not going take this assignment alone to lead the people unless God was going with him.		

Key Verse(s)	How does it speak to me?
<i>13a If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.</i>	<p>I was sent by the local church to oversee a new congregation in a foreign land for a period of time. I sensed that it was an assignment from the Lord to do something different in that season. But I was uncertain if I was able to do well. Even though it was not as huge an assignment like Moses, I prayed along the same line, "God, show me the ways that I may know that you have brought me to this land. If you are pleased with thy servant, grant me favour so that I can lead and disciple them."</p> <p>During first few months, I had many moments of discouragement and doubt about myself because the church attendance and cell groups were not doing well. But God kept assuring me that His presence was with me. He showed me positive signs to encourage my faith in Him. God added new people into the church in amazing ways. The people started to be committed to the church and in their small groups.</p> <p>We can trust God that He will never leave you and me helpless in our assignments or circumstances. We must be attentive to the signs that God sends to us during those times and keep our faith in Him.</p>

## APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What assignment has God laid upon your life? What is stopping you from fulfilling it? What kind of signs of encouragement has He showed you so far?
Youth:	Where are the signs that God has showed you to be a better witness/person to reach out to your friend or classmate?
Child:	Signs are symbols that show us directions and God sometimes shows us signs to teach us to follow His ways. What are the signs that you can use to help you remember to pray and read His Word regularly?

## PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord, I pray for fellow Gracians who may be going through difficult circumstances during this season. I ask that You remove their discouragement and doubt and replace them with signs of Your presence, promise and provision. God, show us Your glory and give us favour as we walk close with You daily. In Jesus' Name, Amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray, Amen.