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Being on God's Road Trip
Exodus 33:1-3, 12-17

What was your favorite road trip vehicle?

We and our vehicles are limited in:

- What _____
- Where _____
- How long _____

3 months into the Exodus Road Trip:

- ✓ Exited Egypt (safely)
- ✓ God provided rest stops (and food)
- ✓ God gave directions through Commandments
- ✓ Israelites became own travel agents (worshipped calf)
- ✓ God is not happy
- How to get to the Promised Land now?

Being on God's Road Trip:

I. Your road trip is _____

Exodus 33:1-3 *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."*

- "the people" & "an angel" –
- Israelites' response –

II. God's road trip is _____

Exodus 33:12-17 *Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go [with you], and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."*

- God's _____ made the Israelites distinct
- Moses argues because _____
- God responds --

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. In what ways have you felt limited in life? How have you attempted to overcome these limitations? Has it worked?
2. Has a breakdown (literal or figurative) ever caused you to recognize your limitedness and a need for Christ in your life?
3. When has being so focused on receiving blessings or reaching your destination caused you to miss out on what God was doing?
4. How would you articulate your need and desire for a relationship with Christ? Is it just to get to the Promised Land?
5. What would it look like for you to allow your road trip to be God's road trip at work? At school? With your friends? In your marriage? In your community?
6. What is one thing you can share from this message that a friend or family member needs to hear?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially about your relationship with Christ, please email Pastor Kris (krisbeckert@thevineva.org).