

# Exodus 33:7 - 34:35

**Memory verses** - "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin" (Exodus 34:6-7)

## 1. A relationship ruined

Moses on the inside with God but the people are at a distance

Face-to-face contact with God vs. worshipping at a distance

## 2. But God's is merciful, gracious and abounding in steadfast love

Show me your smiley face (glory), so I know the relationship is ok. (v18)

*God's nature is the opposite to what people expect or deserve*

## 3. A relationship restored

Before golden calf	During	After golden calf
God's word written on tablets	tablets smashed	New tablets cut 34:1-4
God covenanted himself to them	Israel cheated on God with idol	God covenants Israel again 34:10
God would drive out the enemies.	Laughing stock to enemies	God will drive out enemies again
Feasts to remember God's rescue	Feast to give credit to idol (calf)	Feasts re-instated 34:18-26
Moses & God face to face friendship	On the outs with God, distance between them	Seeing God's face reflected off Moses' shiny face 34:29-33

The Gospel for people who've ruined their relationship with God

He doesn't judge us as our sins deserves, but is merciful, gracious, loving and forgiving.

***What is your comfort when you sin?***

*Is it...I will do better, it wasn't that bad, I'm not as bad as them, I will confess in church*

Thank God that he's nothing like me...