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► PRAYER

God, please, we pray for more and more... to know you face to face through Jesus. Please God, cause the gospel to go to them so they might know you face to face. Please use us, our lives, our churches to get the gospel to them that they might know you face to face. God, we praise you for this privilege and we pray that you help us to live in it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

-David Platt on Deuteronomy 34:10

► WARM UP

What are you are looking forward to seeing happen in your life in the next year? How about in the next 10 years?

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¹ Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."

⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

"The Promised Land is something leaders see and know that it can't be beaten out of them, even when other people don't see it; even when they say it is impossible, unrealistic, and idealistic. It is the phoenix that keeps rising out of the ashes of every failure. It can never fully die. But, paradoxically, by the time a leader gets to this Promised Land, it has usually been stripped down to its barest essence. By the time he or she arrives there, maybe it is still visible, but it doesn't matter nearly as much. What matters is the presence of God right there on the mountainside and being able to say yes to God in the deepest way without clinging to or grasping at anything. When that happens inside you, it makes you a leader who is free indeed. It makes you a leader with strength of soul.

This kind of leader is not perfect, but this kind of leadership is achieved by people who have been met by God, and that is where their authority comes from. These are leaders with strength of soul who continually seek God in the crucible of ministry, and for that reason, can stay faithful to the call of God upon their life to do their small part until God calls that leader home."

-Ruth Haley Barton, Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry

■ GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = not at all; 10 = extremely), how adaptable are you to change? Why have you rated yourself this way?
- 2. Write down 5 things you would like to see happen in your life in the next five years. Share one or two of these and why they are important to you.
- 3. Now take time to pray with someone in your group, asking God as to what *he would have happen in your life in the next 5 years*. Note what God shows you in your time of prayer. Are there differences between what God is showing you and what you listed in question number 2?
- 4. If you do not get to see a God-given dream come to pass in your lifetime, will your faith in God be shaken? Or will you be alright with this?
- 5. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus?

Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.