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Your Presence goes with us

"if Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. for how then will it be known that Your people and i have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? so we shall be separate, Your people and i, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." exo 33:15

that was the prayer of moses as he prepared to lead the children of God - out of bondage into the promised land. that must still be our prayer today, "unless Your Presence goes with us, do not bring us up from here." it is His guiding Presence that will lead us out of bondage also.

i have known the Lord for many years now. unfortunately, i wasted much of that time but His amazing grace keep calling me back into intimacy. He knew me intimately way but He wanted me to know Him that way as well. He wants to amaze us with the glory and majesty of His person. He wants us to enter into true love - the realm where He dwells. it exists because He exists.

why is it we often have to grow older to get wisdom? i envy those who know what they want young and make a determined effort to achieve it. agreed it is often a desire for the wrong things, but still they are determined. and it those who are determined to follow Him which allow great things to be done in and through their lives.

the greatness is not in us. the greatness is in Him.
that's what God seeks from us - to be that yielded,
willing vessel. it may not always appear important to
us at the time. importance is not important.
obedience is!

i am reminded of the story of naaman in 2 kings,
chapter 5. he was a great king but had leprosy which
he desired to be freed of. he sent to the prophet
elisha with his request and expected to have to perform
something great or difficult to receive his healing.
instead he was told to wash in the river jordan seven
times and he he would be clean. the king was furious
with the response. were there not rivers to wash in
damascus?

yes, but it was not God's way. obedience was.
obedience and not sacrifice. "and his servants came
near and spoke to him, and said, 'my father, if the
prophet had told you to do something great, would you
not have done it?' 2 kings 5:13 we think "we" must do
something great to "earn" our reward. we must just be
obedient. God will be great!

"for by grace you have been saved through faith, and
that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of
works, lest anyone should boast." eph 2:8-9

no my friend, there will be no boasting in the Presence
of God. He did all the work and He gets ALL the
glory!!!