

Exodus 34:29

Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

Have you ever been sharing with someone about how you used to be before you gave your life to the Lord, and get a shocked response or a surprised look on their face when you do? I mean, some of you were pretty raunchy before you came to Jesus lol, and so was I.

But people who haven't known us for that long, have no idea what we used to be like, all they see is what the Lord has done in our life over the years. For me, it's been over 40 years now, and even though I remember what I was like, no one sees the old Steve. One thing I have shared before is that I had the worst mouth and would make sailors blush the way I talked, because every other word was a curse word. But today, I do not curse at all and I pretty much haven't for over 40 years. I say I could probably count on one hand the number of times I used a curse word. But now, I won't even watch a movie with profanity in it. And people know I'm a Christian and they don't use profanity around me, or they apologize when they do.

But what about those who have known you or me for years, and they have seen the change in us? Haven't they commented on the change in our lives over the years and how we are different?

We know those things in us that have changed, like my language, but it's more than something that we know has changed, it's what others see in us, and that is our appearance that has changed, just like Moses' appearance did in today's devotional verse, and I love the fact that *Moses did not know* and we usually do not know either.

So a little background on today's verses is that Moses went up on Mount Sinai to meet with God, and receive His instructions, and the Ten Commandments, and as I read the account it still amazes me. See if it amazes you as well.

† *Exodus 34:27-28 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.*

Do you see it? *So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water.* (underlined for emphasis)

I don't know if you ever fasted before, but trying to go just a day or two is tough enough, and there are some who do fast for 40 days, but they still drink water, because if they didn't they would die. Yet Moses went 40 days and night without water or food. That's amazing.

The other part I love is; ***And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.*** This is not Moses writing on the tablets of stone, but rather God is writing on them, and Moses got to watch it, twice. No wonder Moses face glowed when he came down off of Mount Sinai.

But you know what, I believe our face glows after we are in the word each day. Not like Moses' face did because his glowed so much that he had to cover it.

† ***Exodus 34:30-33 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*** (underlined for emphasis)

So, yes, we do glow after being in the Word, but not a glow that scares people, but rather a glow that draws others to us and to ask why we are glowing, and the results is sharing Jesus, because He puts that glow on our face when we are in His word.

† ***Luke 11:36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.***

So, if you want to glow, then you must spend time with Jesus in His word, because if you think about it, that's just what Moses did. He spent time with God in His word, literally hearing God speak His word and writing it on the tablets of stone. Now you can't hear God's voice or see Him write His words, but you can read His word, and when you do, you will glow and others will see the change in you, even if you don't see it.

† ***Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light***