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'This day of grace 1654; from about half past ten at night, to about half after midnight, FIRE. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and the wise. Security, security. Feeling, joy, peace... Greatness of the human soul. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee, But I have known Thee. Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy.'
Blaise Pascal

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The Unending Quest For More

'If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11:13

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‘But I will not go with you...’

Exodus 33:3

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How real is our present experience of God?

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2. **Acknowledge the need for Radical Surgery**



‘When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. For the LORD had said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.’” So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.’

Exodus 33:4-6



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3. **Recognise it can begin with a Few People**



***‘Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp...The LORD would speak to Moses face to face...his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.’
Exodus 33:7, 11***

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4. **Commit to Bold Prayer**



‘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 favour with me.’ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”’

Exodus 33:12-14



‘Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence [**literally: outspokenness**], so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.’

Hebrews 4:16

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5. Aim for 'Higher Up and Further In'



‘Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’

Exodus 33:18-19



‘I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them..’

Jeremiah 32:40

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*‘Surely good and mercy will follow me
[literally: pursue me] all the days of my life
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.’*

Psalm 23:6

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“Don’t stop. Further up and further in,” called Farsight. Jewel also cried out, “And don’t stop, further up and further in! Take it in your stride.” His voice could only just be heard above the roar of the water. The next moment everyone saw that he plunged into the Pool. And helter-skelter behind him, with splash after splash, all the others did the same...they all found they were swimming straight for the Waterfall itself.’

C.S. Lewis ‘The Last Battle’







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