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Moses was convinced that without God's presence in his life it was useless for him to attempt anything. When he spoke face to face with the Lord, he stated boldly, "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence" (Exodus 33:15). He was saying, "Lord, if You are not with us, we're not going to make it. We won't take a single step unless we are assured of Your presence."

Moses knew it was God's presence among them that set them apart from all other nations, and the same is true of God's people today. God's presence "with us" leads, guides, and works His will in and through us. His presence also drives out fear and confusion.

Moses' attitude was, "We operate on one principle alone: The only way for us to be guided or governed, to do battle and survive in these times, is to have God's presence with us. When His presence is in our midst, no one can destroy us. But without Him we are helpless, reduced to nothing. Let all the nations of the world trust in their mighty armies, iron chariots and skilled soldiers. We will trust in the manifest presence of the Lord."

God answered Moses' bold statement: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). The Hebrew word for rest here means "a comfortable, peaceful confidence." God was saying, "No matter what battles or trials you face, you will always be able to find a quiet rest and confidence in Me."