

# The Cleft of the Rock:

## Choosing to see God in our hardest places

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*What if God  
uses our  
hardest  
circumstances  
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God placed Moses in the cleft of the rock in order to reveal His glory. It wasn't a mountaintop, a spacious field, a palace, or a place of comfort. God chose in a dark, lonely, confining cleft. When we experience hardship, it is easy to wonder if God is as good as we thought. What if God uses our hardest circumstances as “clefts?” What if he allows us to know him in a way we otherwise wouldn't because of these clefts? What if our clefts are meant to transform us, so we can reflect God's glory and goodness to the world around us?

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### About the author:

Carrie is a first-time author, who lives in West Michigan. In addition to her passion for writing she is also a wife, mother, and gymnastics coach. Carrie has two children - Her teenage son Joel, and her daughter Faith Isabella who passed away soon after she was born. After walking through her own deep grief, Carrie felt called to minister to women who have experienced the loss of an infant. Carrie began a support group in the Grand Rapids area called *Held: Support for Mothers after pregnancy or infant loss*. God used this experience to soften Carrie's heart to *all* who are hurting within the body of Christ. In the fall of 2022, she began her writing ministry, “Choosing Faith 23.” Her mission is to **encourage hurting hearts to choose faith beyond their feelings.**