Title: The issue with ICE
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“Prophetic”/fun activity (to break the ice):
1. Landscape setting
2. Square object
3. A horse
4. Flowers/plants
5. A ladder
6. The weather

Seasons in our life
1. ANOINTED
2. DISAPPOINTED
3. APPOINTED
Repeated through-out scripture as well: Moses, David, Mary, Jesus, the Bride…

How do you handle the 2nd phase? What is the state of your heart?

A matter of the heart
1 Samuel 16:7 “Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart…”

1 Chronicles 28:9 “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him…”

So how do we enter into His presence again? How do we melt the ice? How can we draw near at that place of hostility?

Psalm 100:4-5 “Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His loving-kindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

Thanksgiving = Trust = Faith = Salvation?
Adam & Eve: distrust lead to the fall.
Jesus: thanksgiving leads to salvation

Jesus models a sacrifice of thanksgiving
Luke 22:17, 19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
Back to ice in the desert
Desert: Reminds us of a generation of God’s children that did not inherit the promise.
Ungrateful and self-entitled hearts stay in the desert, until it is completely killed off.
His manna/provision is sufficient:
Manna: What is it? Can you thank Him even for the “what is it”’s?

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Promotion and increase that is delayed until principle of thanksgiving is understood and applied.

Psalms 116:6-8  
6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. 7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For you have rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling.

Philippians 3:10 [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],

Presence melts the ice. Even if the sun shines harshly.