

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of people in a public space, possibly a train station or a market. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent teal circle. The text is centered within this circle.

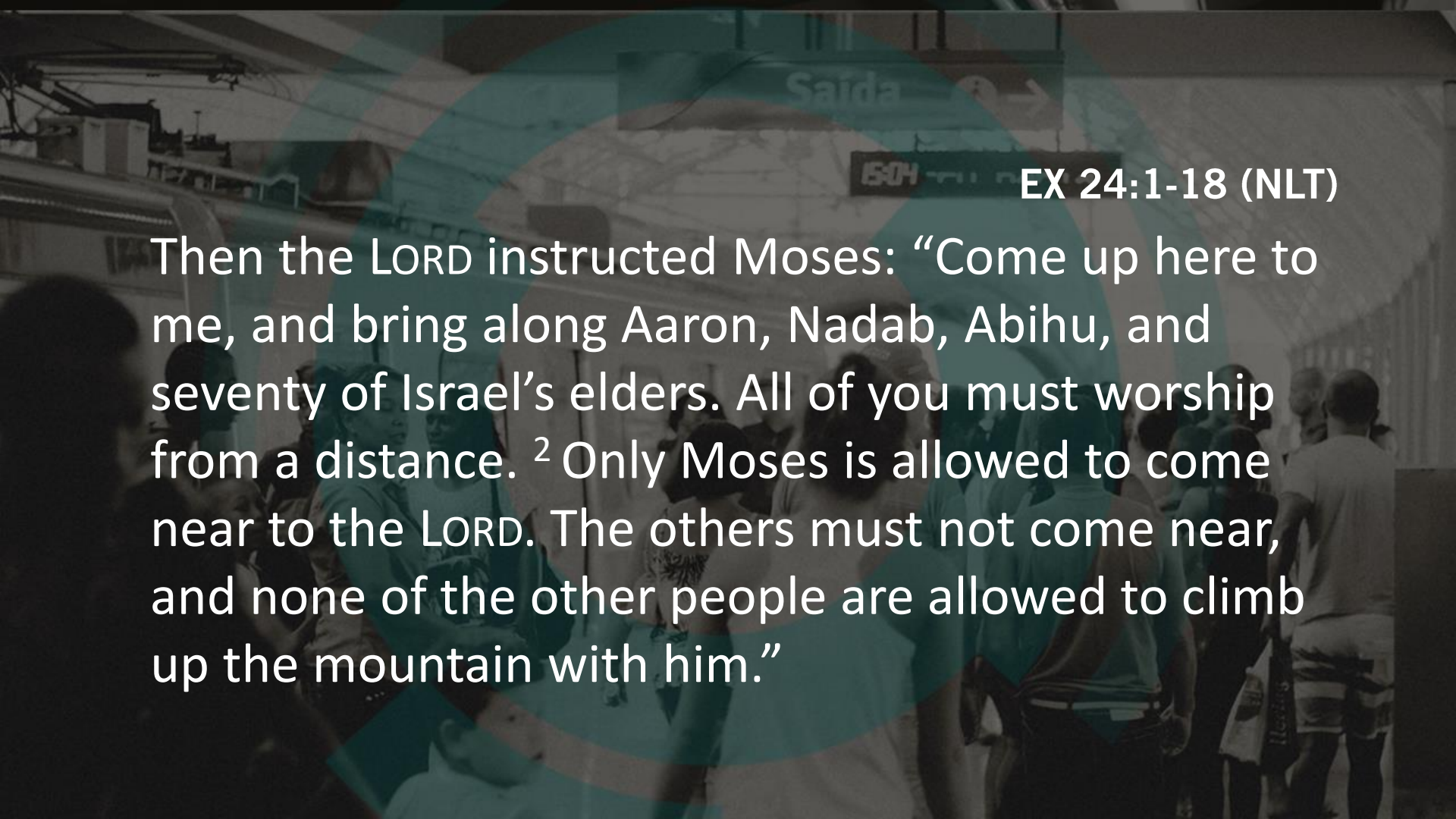
Responding to the God encounters

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A crowd of people is seen from behind, walking through a public space. In the background, there are signs, including one that says "Sarda" and another with "50M". A large teal circular graphic is overlaid on the image, partially obscuring the people. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

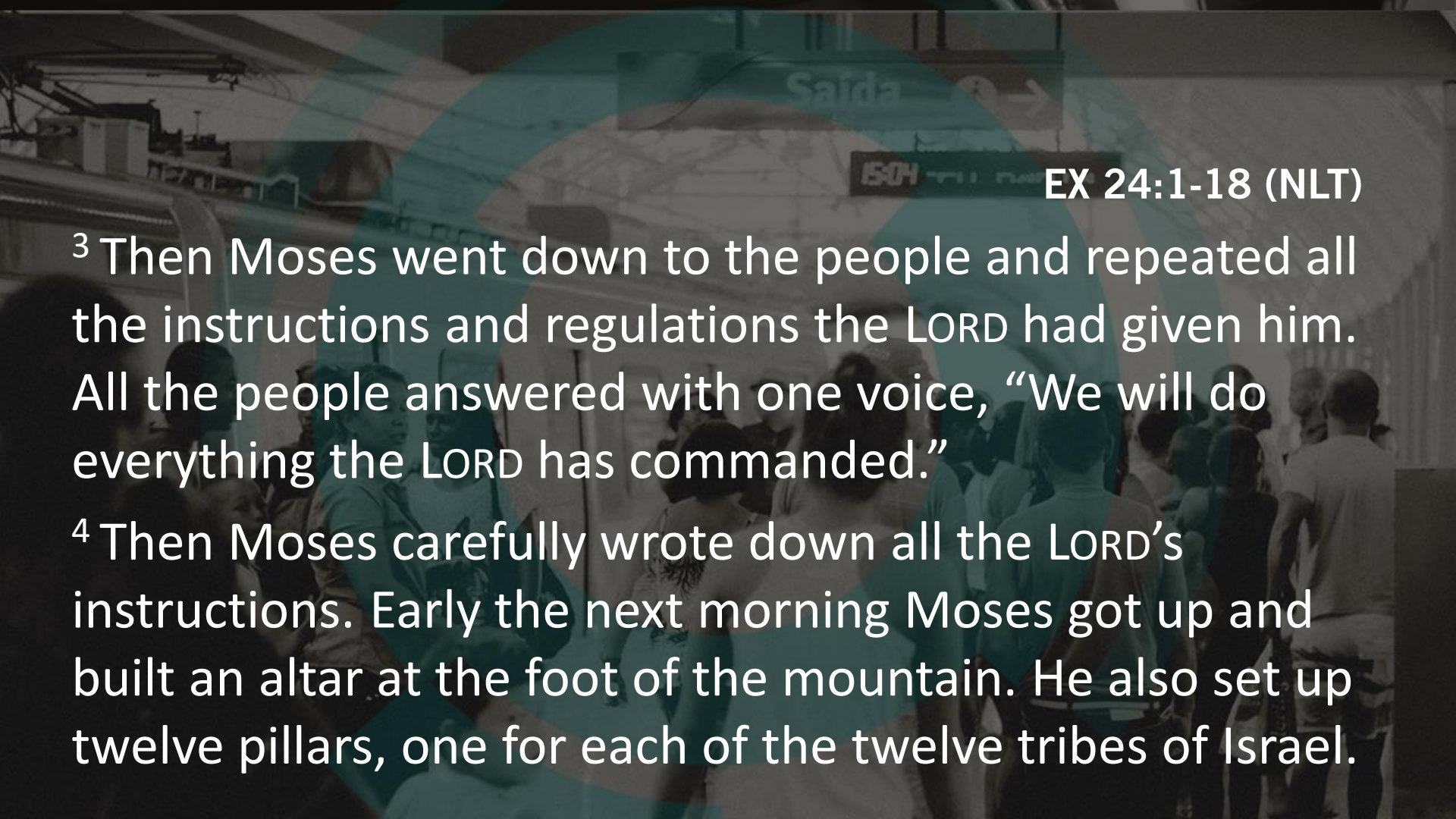
What happens...

- Before our encounters with God, reveals our HUNGER.
- During our encounters with God, reveals our IMAGE OF GOD.
- After our encounters with God, reveals our OBEDIENCE.

A crowd of people is seen from behind, walking through a public square or market. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal circular graphic. In the background, there are buildings and a sign that says "Sarda".

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

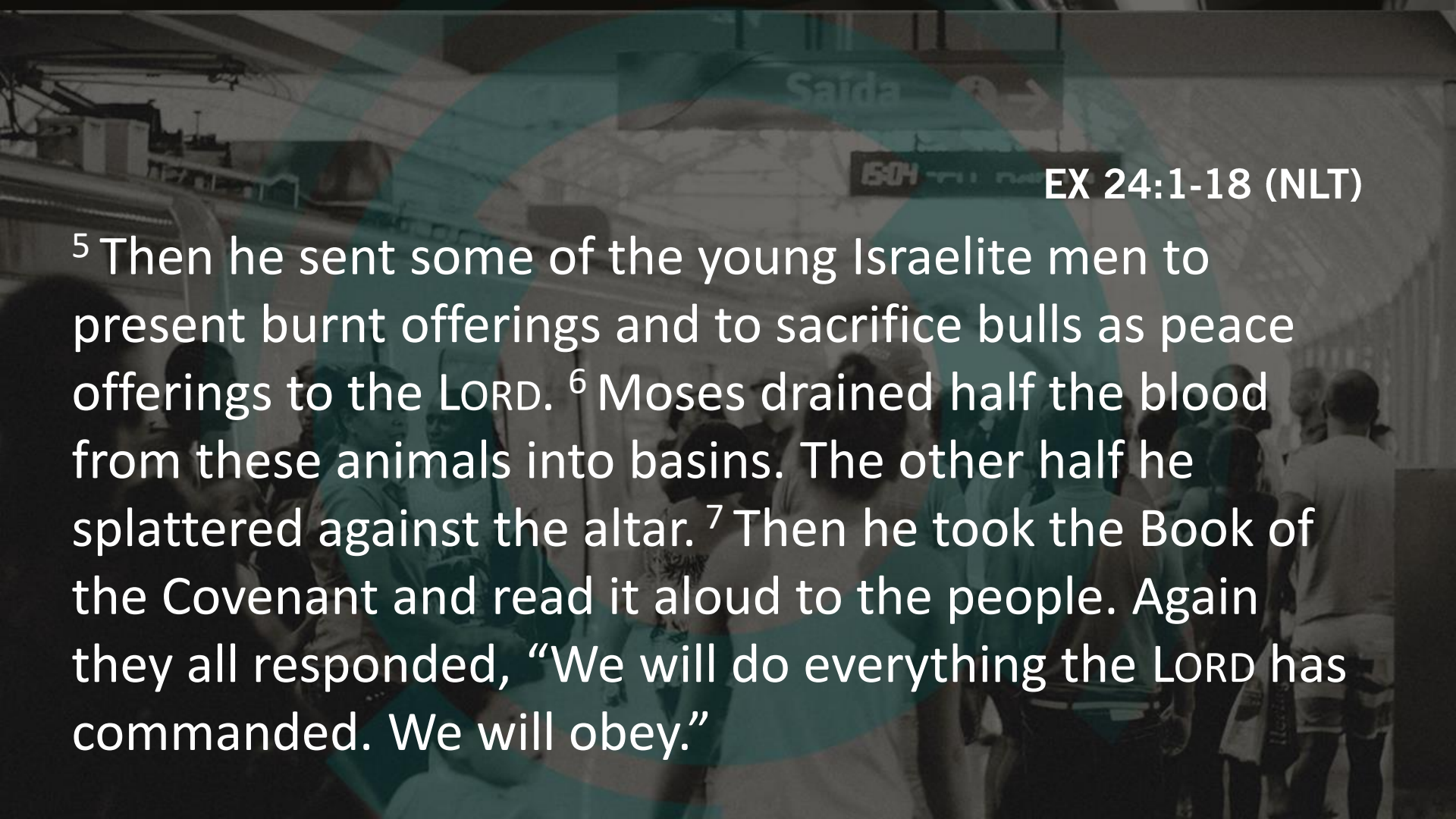
Then the LORD instructed Moses: “Come up here to me, and bring along Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel’s elders. All of you must worship from a distance. ² Only Moses is allowed to come near to the LORD. The others must not come near, and none of the other people are allowed to climb up the mountain with him.”

A crowd of people is walking through a large, colorful rainbow archway. The scene is outdoors, and the people are dressed in casual clothing. The rainbow archway is the central focus, with people walking underneath it. The background shows a building with a sign that says "Sarda" and a digital display showing "15:04".

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

³ Then Moses went down to the people and repeated all the instructions and regulations the LORD had given him. All the people answered with one voice, “We will do everything the LORD has commanded.”

⁴ Then Moses carefully wrote down all the LORD’s instructions. Early the next morning Moses got up and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He also set up twelve pillars, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel.

A crowd of people is walking through a market or festival. In the foreground, a large, colorful rainbow umbrella is held up. The background shows a busy street with people and buildings. The text is overlaid on the image.

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

⁵ Then he sent some of the young Israelite men to present burnt offerings and to sacrifice bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. ⁶ Moses drained half the blood from these animals into basins. The other half he splattered against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again they all responded, “We will do everything the LORD has commanded. We will obey.”

A crowd of people is walking through a tunnel. In the background, a large rainbow archway is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with the rainbow providing a focal point of color. The text is overlaid on the image.

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

⁸ Then Moses took the blood from the basins and splattered it over the people, declaring, “Look, this blood confirms the covenant the LORD has made with you in giving you these instructions.”

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel climbed up the mountain. ¹⁰ There they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there seemed to be a surface of brilliant blue lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself.

A crowd of people is gathered at what appears to be a public event or festival. In the background, a banner with the word "Sarda" is visible. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is overlaid on the center of the image. The text is overlaid on this circle and the background image.

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

¹¹ And though these nobles of Israel gazed upon God, he did not destroy them. In fact, they ate a covenant meal, eating and drinking in his presence!

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Stay there, and I will give you the tablets of stone on which I have inscribed the instructions and commands so you can teach the people.”



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EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

¹³ So Moses and his assistant Joshua set out, and Moses climbed up the mountain of God.

¹⁴ Moses told the elders, “Stay here and wait for us until we come back. Aaron and Hur are here with you. If anyone has a dispute while I am gone, consult with them.”

A crowd of people is walking through a tunnel or a covered walkway. The scene is dimly lit, with a teal circular graphic overlay in the center. In the background, a sign with the word "Sarda" is visible. The overall atmosphere is that of a busy, enclosed public space.

EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

¹⁵ Then Moses climbed up the mountain, and the cloud covered it. ¹⁶ And the glory of the LORD settled down on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from inside the cloud.

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EX 24:1-18 (NLT)

¹⁷ To the Israelites at the foot of the mountain, the glory of the LORD appeared at the summit like a consuming fire.

¹⁸ Then Moses disappeared into the cloud as he climbed higher up the mountain. He remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A crowd of people walking in a public space, overlaid with a teal circular graphic. The background is a grayscale image of a busy street or market area with many people. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is centered over the image, containing the text. The text is white and reads: "Before we encounter God" followed by a bulleted list of four points.

Before we encounter God

- Specific People - 2 Chron 16:9
- Two elements: Word & Worship
- Tremble at His Word – Isa 66:5
- Worship = Obedience – Gen 22

A photograph of a busy city street with a large crowd of people walking. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal circular graphic. In the background, a sign for 'Sarda' is visible above a storefront, and a digital display shows '15:04'.

2 CHRON 16:9 (NKJV)

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.

A crowd of people walking through a market or public space, overlaid with a teal circular graphic. The background is a grayscale photograph of a busy street scene with many people. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is centered over the image. The text is overlaid on this circle.

When we encounter God

- Magnify God & Minimize me
- Familiarity breeds insensitivity
- Familiarity nullifies power of God

After we encounter God

- 2 Prayers Moses prayed after the encounter:
Ex. 33:13
Ex. 32:11
- Every God encounter should:
Draw us deeper into God
Draw us closer to God's people



EX 33:13 (NLT)

¹³ If it is true that You look favorably on me, let me know Your ways so I may understand You more fully and continue to enjoy Your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.”

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EX 32:11 (NLT)

¹¹ But Moses tried to pacify the LORD his God. “O LORD!” he said. “Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand?”

A photograph of a crowded train station, likely in Brazil, with a teal circular overlay. The station has signs for 'Sarda' and '504 TI DADA'. The text 'Meditate' is centered in white.

Meditate

Are we seeking an experience or transformation?