Sermon:

Exodus 34.29-35. Moses’ story is interesting.
Does he veil his face to protect the Israelites or so they do not see the glow fade?

(see 2 Cor 3.13: **We are not like Moses, who had to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not see the brightness fade and disappear**)

Anyone had a ‘glow’ exp? (maybe a conversion? Or falling in love?) It does fade. Normal. Trying to recapture it is futile.

cf Transfiguration (Luke 9.28-36) Jesus is changed, and Peter is anxious to preserve it, but it too did fade.

All this does not mean it is a waste of time.

[1] It helps us understand who Jesus really is not just his ordinary appearance.

[2] For Jesus it confirms Peter’s cry that he is the Messiah and sets his mind on the road to Jerusalem.

For Moses the glow experience showed who the people truly were and set their minds on the road to the Promised Land.

Yesterday was Waitangi Day – reminder of who were are as a nation, and how we walk together, Maori / non-Maori.

Covenant, which we renew now, is about who we really are and it renews us and sets our minds on the road ahead.