



Walking in the *Foot Prints* of Jesus A Discipleship Journey

The OLD TESTAMENT- Their Story is Our Story **Moses and the Burning Bush** **Exodus 3:1-12, Week 9**

The story of Moses and the burning bush is one of the more well-known passages from the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament. As the story goes, Moses was tending to the sheep that his father-in-law, Jethro, owned. Jethro owned property in the land of Midian. As Moses looked towards the horizon at Mount Horeb, he saw something that caught his eye. It appeared as though a bush was on fire, but it was not being consumed by the flames. It did not burn up. Moses walked over to investigate this strange site, and God called out to him through the bush.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:2-4

The Lord God went on to tell Moses who He was and to remove his sandals, because he was standing on holy ground. God said that He was greatly concerned about how miserable His chosen people were in Egypt. They were forced into slavery, and He wanted to free them from this bondage. He wanted Moses to carry out this task on His behalf.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Exodus 3:7-8

What an incredible honor that the Lord God bestowed upon Moses. God chose him personally to undertake this special calling and free the chosen people from bondage. There was just one problem. Moses was terrified. He pleaded with the Lord to pick someone else. Moses did not think that he could take on such a task. He felt as though he was not well spoken and was not a leader. He did not think he was worthy of this calling. God reassured Moses by telling him that He would be with him every step of the way.

"So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." Exodus 3:10-12

How many people do we know who have felt like Moses? Perhaps even I have felt like Moses from time to time. There are countless periods in peoples' lives where they may feel that they are unable, unqualified, and not up to the task for certain things. We sometimes try and talk ourselves out of taking on a challenge, just as Moses tried to do with our Lord. Perhaps, deep down we are afraid of the challenge or how we will perform. We do not want to embarrass ourselves or make a mistake. Sometimes we feel that it is just better to leave things to others.

Our Lord does not want us to do that though. We all have special callings from time to time throughout our lives, and the Lord is there to walk with us, hold our hand, and give us strength. God would not ask us to take on things for which we are not capable. We are all blessed with individual gifts from our Lord. Sometimes we are aware of these gifts, and sometimes they need to be unlocked. Every single human being has special callings that come from our Lord throughout their lives. We are asked by God to answer those calls, and to look to the Lord for help with them.

God is our Heavenly Father, and like any father, He is there for us. The Lord will help guide, teach, and give us strength to persevere through any of life's calls. All we need to do is ask for His help.

Are there special callings that the Lord is asking me to take on in my life? How am I going to answer those calls?

