

Common phrase: *A Burning Bush Experience*. Speaking of an encounter with God – that changes things in your life, or changes your whole life! A very good picture of conference.

I. AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

A. Our story is about an encounter with God

1. God wants to meet personally with people
 - a. *V2 the angel of the Lord appeared to him...*

2. This is the aiming of his life: What happened here will determine the entire course of his life
 - a. This is like conference: It can be the aiming of your life
 - b. But for many it often is not: What is the difference?

B. 3 crucial questions that will determine whether there will be a lasting aiming:

1. What did God inspire you about?

a. *Exodus 3:7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.*

b. *Exodus 3:10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

2. What objections stand in the way in your mind – your heart?

a. *Exodus 3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"*

1. These need to be addressed and dealt with

3. What practical actions need to take place afterwards to help enable what God inspired?

a. *Exodus 4:24-26 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!"--because of the circumcision.*

1. His marriage/children: Something very practical would stop him
- b. This is often the conviction side of conference: That needs to change!