

## MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #4 “Calling and Surrender”

Exodus 3:2-5,10

Moses: God calls to Moses from a burning bush: He tells of His plans for Moses's life – and God demands a response.

**Exodus 3:2-5** <sup>2</sup>And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” <sup>4</sup>So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” <sup>10</sup>Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

### I. THE VOICE OF CALLING

A. We see that God calls to Moses from the burning bush: *Moses is not asking/seeking God*

1. God has the right to speak to us: Tell us His plans for our lives

a. **V10** *I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”* b. Paul an Apostle by the will of God

1. Don't think that calling/preaching is a career choice – or just another option you could do in life

2. God tells Moses the logic of calling: You are the answer to someone's desperation!

a. **Exodus 3:7** *The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.*

1. They are hurting – and YOU can make the difference in saving them

3. **There are specific people God has chosen for you to reach with the Gospel:** *God knows their names!*

4. **There are specific cities God has chosen for you to reach with the Gospel:** *One you may not have heard of*

5. **There may be specific nations God has chosen for you to reach with the Gospel:**

a. **1 Corinthians 10:16** *To preach the Gospel in regions beyond...*

### II. THE FIRE OF CALLING

A. God's calling came in the form of fire: *A symbol of the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work*

1. **There is the fire of transformation:** Moses needed to be changed; Pride and fear had to go

a. **Matthew 3:12** *His winnowing fan is in His hand, He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn;*

1. *God goes to work to remove what shouldn't be there/would stop us* 2. *Day of Pentecost: Disciples were transformed*

2. **There is the fire of enabling:** God calls us to do things we are not capable of – that are beyond us

a. **1 Thessalonians 5:24** *The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.*

3. **There is the fire of passion:** Jesus: Zeal for your house has consumed me – boil!

a. *God can light us on fire: So we love the word – we are stirred to witness/preach; I can't help it!*

4. **There is the fire of patience:** Moses was off track – and 40 years had gone by since he tried to help

a. **V3** *Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”*

1. God doesn't give up on us b/c we failed – failed to respond: The fire still burns! It's not over!

B. Moses life changed when he got near the fire: **V3** *I will turn aside to see this great sight...*

1. We need to seek the fire: *Seek it/read about it/pray for it/fast for it!*

### III. TAKING OFF YOUR SHOES

A. Calling depends on human response

1. **Ex 3:5** *Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”*

2. **Calling is holy:** It is an awesome thing!

a. We can't take that lightly: *As though it happens to everyone – or that it's just another day*

3. When Almighty God speaks to you – you should be reverent

a. *What is important to You – is important to me b. I will mark this meeting where you spoke*

B. But God commands him to take off his shoes: *Your shoes will keep you from hearing what God has to say*

1. **Shoes were dirty:** Are there things that should not be a part of your life? Repent!

a. **2 Timothy 2:21** <sup>21</sup>*All who make themselves clean from evil will be used for special purposes. They will be made holy, useful to the Master, ready to do any good work.*

2. **Shoes enabled his plans:** *Working my job – staying out of trouble in Egypt...*

a. Removing them is an act of submission/surrender: **Acts 9:6** *Lord, what would you have me to do?*

1. **1 Samuel 3:10** *The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”*

b. Submitted to God's voice: *Speak to me* c. Submitted to God's choice: *I change my plans/my time/my \$*

3. When we surrender to God's voice/God's choice: *Blessing is released in us/through us/for other people*