

## 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*