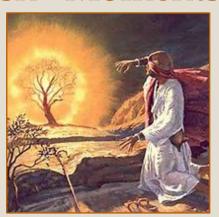


Moses—Lesson 3 (part 2)

Responding to our "Burning Bush" Moments

Biblical Character Sketches

"Who am I, that I should go?" Exodus 3:11



WALKING IN THEIR SANDALS

Exploring today's lesson

- 40 years in the "school of self-discovery" (part 1)
- The name of God: "I AM THAT I AM" (Jehovah) (part 1)
- A focus on Moses
- The God of 2nd chances



A Discussion Point

Can you name some examples of 2nd chance successes in Scripture?

- Moses' objection #1 I have no clout with pharaoh. (3:11-12)
 - ➤ <u>Jehovah's solution</u>: Pharoah will see Me through you.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to account for the presence of Jehovah.

- Moses' objection #1 I have no clout with pharaoh.
 (3:11-12)
- Moses' objection #2 I have no clout with my own people. (3:13-15)
 - Jehovah's solution: The God of the past is the God of the present.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to recognize that the Israelites of Egypt were God's chosen people as much as the patriarchs were.

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- Moses' objection #3 The Israelites will not believe Jehovah sent me. (4:1-5)
 - ➤ <u>Jehovah's solution</u>: They will see God's presence and power in you.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to believe the people could experience the reality of God as he had.

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- Moses' objection #4 I am not specifically qualified for this task. (4:10-17)
 - ➤ <u>Jehovah's solution</u>: My <u>grace</u> will shine brighter through your weakness.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to believe Jehovah could glorify Himself through his area of weakness.



A Discussion

Point

- ✓ Is there a difference between an objection and a sinful excuse?
- ✓ If so, how do you differentiate between the two?
- ✓ Does God owe us explanations for our objections?

Applications: What is a "burning bush" experience?

- ➤ It could be a typical Sunday morning sermon that suddenly hits me right between the eyes, making me feel I am the only person in the auditorium.
- ➤ It could be the moment a phone call turns an ordinary day into a life-changing event.
- ➤ It could be a normal interaction that becomes a divine appointment.
- ➤ It could be a quiet time with God that confronts me with a heart-wrenching decision.
- ➤ It could be the moment my blind spot becomes the target of God's convicting arrows.
- ➤ It could be an ordinary missions conference that unexpectantly confronts me with God's call to foreign missions.

Takeaways from today's lesson

- ➤ It is not God, but I, who allows my past to limit my future.
- ➤ I may dwell on my past, but God patiently frames my past into a better future.
- ➤ The past is for my learning, not my limitation.
- ➤ There is no age limit on obedience to God's calling and will.
- ➤ God's promises are timeless.
- ➤ My God is a God of 2nd chances.
- ➤ Faith is a matter of obedience, and obedience is a matter of faith.

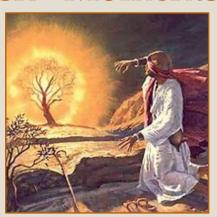


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