

# Transformed by the Heart of God

Exodus 3:1-10

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## Primary Question: What happens in an encounter with God?

### The Big Idea: The Lord reveals His heart and invites us into His Story.

*Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." Exodus 3:1-3 (English Standard Version)*

### #1: Moses' **flexibility** opens the door to a profound encounter with God.

Worship is not separate to your life. Lifting your hands in worship is no more holy than helping your neighbor rake his yard. Offered to God, life becomes holy. To the worshiper, there is no such thing as the secular; everything is spiritual because God is somehow holding it all together. There are burning bushes all around us, and the worshiper lives slowly enough to see them.

- Michael Gungor

*When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:4 (ESV)*

**#2: God honors Moses' openness by revealing who He is and sharing His heart.**

*Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Exodus 3:5-6 (ESV)*

*Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." Exodus 3:7-10 (ESV)*

**#3: God invites Moses to join Him as He delivers His people.**

A Few Tips:

- "Burning bushes" are not often bushes.
- God speaks in lots of ways.
  - **God's voice; His gentle whisper**
  - **Scripture**
  - **Other people**
  - **A mental image**
  - **A unique experience; a "coincidence"**
- You don't have to wait.
- Our schedules often reveal our convictions.