## May 14, 2014 "Hearing God's Call" Exodus 3-4

## I. God's Call

- A. God takes the initiative "Then the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush." (3:2)
- B. God knows us by name "Moses, Moses!" (3:4)
- C. God's call involves holiness "the place where you are standing is holy ground." (3:5)
- D. God is eternal, transcendent and consistent "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (3:6)
- E. God knows our need "I have observed the misery of My people..." (3:7)
- F. God has a plan "I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians..."

  (3:8)
- G. God calls us to action "Therefore, go, I am sending you..." (3:10)

## II. Our Reluctance

- A. Who Am I? "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh...?" (3:11)
- B. Who are You? "...and they ask 'What is His name?' what should I tell them?" (3:13)
- C. What about them? "What if they won't believe me...?" (4:1)
- D. What about me? "Please Lord, I have never been eloquent...because I am slow and hesitant in speech." (4:10)
- E. Why can't someone else do better? "Please, Lord, send someone else." (4:13)

## III. God's Resources

A. God's Power: staff/serpent(4:2-5); hand/leprous (4:6-8); water/blood (4:9)

- B. God's Word "The Lord instructed Moses..." (4:21)
- C. God's People "Now the Lord said to Aaron, 'Go and meet Moses...'" (4:27)

Exo 3:1-14 Meanwhile, Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (2) Then the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed. (3) So Moses thought: I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn't the bush burning up? (4) When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Here I am," he answered. (5) "Do not come closer," He said. "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (6) Then He continued, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. (7) Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of My people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I know about their sufferings. (8) I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the territory of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. (9) The Israelites' cry for help has come to Me, and I have also seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. (10) Therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." (11) But Moses asked God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (12) He answered, "I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship God at this mountain." (13) Then Moses asked God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them: The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what should I tell them?" (14) God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

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