August 24, 2016 "Finding God's Will: From Far Side to First Step" Exodus 3:1-4 David Self

1. The Mountain

"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." (1)

2. The Messenger

"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." (2)

3. The Mandate

"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." (3-4)

- a. To Find God's Will, Do God's Will
- b. With God, the Ordinary Becomes Significant
- c. God's Will is about God, Not Us
 - 1) God initiated contact

- 2) God expects a response-the first step
- 3) God knows our names
- 4) God values our availability over any other ability

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