**Lessons Learned on the Journey**

**Called to Serve**

**Exodus Chapter 3**

**Introduction**

Today, our subject is about Moses’ encounter with God and his call to serve.  Exodus Chapter 3 is a chapter about mediation. Often out of Godly mediation the Lord accomplishes his purposes.

God always does what He says He will do, but He often accomplishes his work through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He chooses; through Moses, through Joshua, through Gideon, through Elijah, through the apostles, and now through us.

Psalm 103:7, The difference between the ways of God and the acts of God is the difference between one who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord is doing versus one who simply sees the work God is doing.

Even though God calls a person to serve Him, that person must acknowledge and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the call.

Moses complains about not being able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ well.

1. **Recognizing God’s Call**

Moses looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Moses wouldn’t even look upon the face of the angel because he was afraid to look upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

No mortal human can see God in all of His glory and holiness and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The disciples may not have not seen God in all of His glory, but they had seen the Glory of God manifested in the personal work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Fire in scripture is typically symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or of purification and holiness.

Sometimes it takes unusual circumstances in our lives for God to get our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **God’s Call to Serve**

In verse 4, when the Lord sees that Moses has turned aside to look at the bush, God calls to him out of the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Moses regarded the angel of the Lord as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In ancient times, it was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class who were usually too poor to afford sandals and went around barefoot.

The call of God is always a call to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In Exodus Chapter 3 verse 5, God tells Moses to take off his shoes because the place is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ground.

Exodus Chapter 3 verse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the verse that Jesus cites as evidence of the resurrection in Matthew Chapter 22.

God is not the God of the dead, He is the God of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Explicitly involved in the Abrahamic promise is the doctrine of the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **God’s Call Contains Promises**

The resurrection power of God is committed to fulfilling the Abrahamic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God is a God of true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

There must be a moral preparation before there can be a divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Israel had to be prepped to accept the leadership of a man like Moses and be willing to follow him.

God’s proving ground for Israel is in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God is not afraid to allow a number of things into our experience that probably could have been avoided, if we would just have put our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

Moses was prepared for servant leadership through his own personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of tending sheep on the backside of the desert.

God often has to restore the person before he can restore the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Moses is now a modest and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man.

Self-distrust can be a good thing; but only if it leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God. The Scriptures say, it is all right to say “I cannot,” but we ought to immediately follow with “But with the Lord’s help, I can.”

God tells Moses, “I will be with you.” It is the promise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God gives to us all. Jesus says, “I will never leave you or forsake you, I am with you always, right to the very end.”

**Conclusion**

In verse 12 God says, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

The sign is the burning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This burning bush was God’s guarantee of success.

Moses knows and believes that what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says is going to take place.

God can take the most insignificant little things and work a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through them.

Even if the bush is burning with the fire of God’s judgment, you will not be consumed; you will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

God takes the little things and miraculously reveals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through them. He takes the humble and seemingly insignificant servants and empowers them as dynamic and victorious leaders.

God’s miracle of deliverance and provision are available to you. All you have to do is say YES to God’s gift of mercy and grace through Jesus Christ.