

## The Life of Moses: The Burning Bush

### The “Mountain of God”

- Also known as Horeb or Sinai
- God formalized His covenant relationship with Israel (Exodus 19,20)
- Israelites set out for the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 1)
- Elijah received instruction to anoint the kings of Syria and Israel and named Elisha as his successor (I Kings 19)

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- Had deep theological significance for the Israel as a Holy place (Judges 5:5; Nehemiah 9:13; Psalm 68:8)
- Paul uses Sinai as a reference to the legal righteousness of Israel (Galatians 4:24; Hebrews 12:18-29)
- Acts 7 – Stephen refers to the experiences of Moses and the Children of Israel at Sinai The “Mountain of God”
- Was considered to be a place of *Theophany*

***theos = of or relating to God***  
***phaino = to shine or be seen***

Theophany = a moment or place where God appears, a place of divine manifestation  
God’s Purpose for Your Life

- A. God has a plan and perfect purpose for your life (Jeremiah 29:11)
  - B. He is waiting on you (John 4:4)
  - C. You have to reach a point where you are seeking and ready to surrender to His will
  - D. God often has to divert your attention to gain your devotion
- How does God arrest our attention and set us on the path of our purpose?
  - 3 Ways God gets us to search for His will for our lives
    1. Blessing us with *favor*
    2. Breaking us with trials
    3. Binding us with mercy

Sometimes God grabs your attention and devotion by keeping you through an extra-ordinary event that should have destroyed you but instead made you stronger

“Then Moses said, ‘*I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.*’”

Exodus 3:3

### Burning Bush Experiences

- So extra-ordinary that it is difficult to explain to someone else
- The normal rules don’t apply – what should have happened did not happen
- In wrestling to understand you began to discern the voice and the call of God
- It was a major turning point in your life and you could not walk away the same

### **The Bushes God Uses**

- God has a habit of using ordinary things/people for extraordinary assignments – don't cancel someone out because of what you think you know about them
- Whatever God ordains, He also sustains – God gives provision to His vision
- God wants to use you a vessel for His voice to speak to others
- You must have a fire for God to be an effective tool in the Kingdom

### **How Satan tries to quench our fire**

- Lack of appreciation and recognition
- Unrepentant sin and iniquity
- Trouble that causes us to doubt God
- Confusing our devotion with our duty

### **3 Common Mistakes**

- *Intensity*: Running out before we've been sent by God only to find that God has not opened the doors yet
- *Insecurity*: Experiencing failures along the way that discourage our commitment
- *Inferiority*: Excusing ourselves because we feel we have nothing to offer that God can use

### **Remember**

- Sometimes you have to wait on God to move first. God's ways: No, Grow, Slow, Go
- Failure is a learning tool in God's hand. God never said you had to be successful just faithful
- The only ability God looks for is: AVAILABILITY