

**Holy Spirit, Part 12 – Take Off Your Shoes**  
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### **Introduction**

There is something that God wants to do in us and through us, but first we have to be positioned to receive it. Our dreams are so much bigger than ourselves. When we position ourselves to receive, we will find freedom. God is positioning us to receive his blessings. He is causing doors to open, causing us to be noticed, some of us have been in the dark room but now we are fully developed and need to come out.

### **Exodus 3:2-5 [NIV]**

<sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Notice the Positioning of Moses and the Lord:

- Moses thought he was done (a murderer) God had another plan.
  - Even when we think everything is too messed up, God is not done with us.
- In this passage the Lord is saying to Moses ‘Recognize, that I am God’.
  - Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

### **Exodus 3:7-10 [NIV]**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

Notice the Positioning was because God was about to speak:

- The positioning was not about Moses (God wanted to rescue his people)
- The positioning was for the call

### **Exodus 3:11 [NIV]**

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

- God responded - I will be with you.
  - We don’t have to be afraid to live out our dreams, because God is with us.
    - It’s not about our dreams and goals, accolades or where we’re from - if that was the case, most of us would not be here right now. Most of us did not

grow up in churches, or with pastors in our families. Our inheritance may have included such things as alcoholism, drug addiction, poverty, sexual abuse, or even domestic violence.

- We stand on one account, for one reason only, because God is with us.

**How can we get into position, it is as easy as taking off our shoes.**

- By recognizing that God is the highest ranking authority in heaven, earth and hell below.
- Sometimes we have to be reminded everything we own is Gods.
- If we ask God for something and haven't seen it, we should go back to God with respect and see what happens.

Remember when God was speaking to Moses through the burning bush. He called Moses to lead the Israelites to the promise land, Moses said, "who am I", God replied "I will be with you", (Exodus 3:12 [NIV]) then Moses asked God, "Who do I say sent me?" God replied "tell them I am, that I am".

- We should remember God is our father, whatever he has positioned us for right now, we need to just do it because he said so.
- Moses did everything God told him and he did what God said. He led Israelites out of captivity and into freedom.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why did God request Moses to take off his sandals? [because in the presence of God, Moses was standing on holy ground]
2. What does God ask of Moses in Exodus 3:7-10? [to bring the Israelites out of captivity into freedom]
3. When we position ourselves to receive, what is waiting for us? [freedom]
4. Foremost who is God to us? [our heavenly father]