

## I. SERMON SCRIPTURE

The God Who Makes Himself Known  
Exodus 3:1-14

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Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

## II. GROUP DISCUSSION

A) Read Exodus chapters 2 and 3. What are some things that stand out to you? Draw you in? Confuse you? Surprise you?

B) So, look at the clear characteristics of Moses' conversion. Take your time...ask questions. Where have we diminished these truths? Where have we over-emphasized?

For each one spend time talking about the implications in how we live knowing these "steps."

- 1) God will make Himself known in His sovereignly predetermined inexplicable timing
- 2) God often makes Himself known during the detours in our lives
- 3) God makes Himself known as a holy fire
- 4) God makes Himself known through a Mediator
- 5) God makes himself known, so that He can send us back out to do unto others

C) How can we become a "brighter" fiery bush ourselves in a dark world?

D) Prayer and praise