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Scripture: Exodus 3 (LSB)

Sermon Title: A Faith That Conquers Fear.

A _____.

Exodus 3:1-6 (LSB)

1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of the bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. 3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight. Why is the bush not burned up?" 4 And Yahweh saw that he turned aside to look, so God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 18:9-10 (LSB)

9 And Jethro rejoiced over all the goodness which Yahweh had done to Israel, that He had delivered them from the hand of the Egyptians. 10 So Jethro said, "Blessed be Yahweh who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, [and] who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

God will go to great lengths to get our _____.

A Divine _____.

Exodus 3:7-10 (LSB)

7 And Yahweh said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sufferings. 8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. 9 "So now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 "So now, come and I will send you to Pharaoh, and so you shall bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Genesis 21:17-19 (LSB)

17 Then God heard the voice of the boy crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 "Arise, lift up the boy, and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him." 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

When God "sees," he shows his concern and extends his protection. When Hagar "sees," she experiences God's presence.

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Ephesians 1:17-21 (LSB)

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you [the] Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the full knowledge of Him, 18 so that you--the eyes of your heart having been enlightened--will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of the might of His strength, 20 which He worked in Christ, by raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

_____ eyes are _____ to deliver broken people from captivity.

A _____.

Exodus 3:11-22 (LSB)

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God at this mountain." 13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am about to come to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' And they will say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 And God furthermore said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name from generation to generation. 16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I indeed care about you and what has been done to you in Egypt. 17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'" 18 "And they will listen to your voice; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you [all] will say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to Yahweh our God.' 19 "But I know that the king of Egypt will not give you [permission] to go, except by a strong hand. 20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wondrous deeds which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go. 21 "And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty. 22 "But [every] woman shall ask of her neighbor and of the woman who lives in her house, for articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

God is _____ with our _____ hearts.

Why do we fear?

Matthew 8:25 (LSB)

25 And they came to [Him] and got Him up, saying, "Save [us], Lord; we are perishing!"

When the storm is raging _____ to Jesus.

Life Group Questions:

Get to know you question (optional):

1. What is something odd or curious that got your attention?

2. Read Exodus Chapter 3 (prior to life group): When you read through the scripture take note of anything interesting, unique, or questions that come to mind when reading. Take some time and dig in deeper in the following areas.

Look through the Old Testament and see other passages where the phrase Angel of the Lord appears. Are these appearances of Christ?

When it says that God saw their affliction, do you think that God ignored it prior to this?

3. How can fear control our lives including faith?

Jethro (יִתְרוֹ, *yithro*). Moses' father-in-law. Also known as Reuel (רְעוּאֵל, *re'u'el*).

Jethro in the Bible

Jethro appears mainly in Exodus, and is the main character of Exodus 18:1–27. He had seven daughters, including Zipporah, Moses' wife. After the exodus, Jethro advised Moses to delegate responsibility to avoid wearing himself out. His advice initiated a strategy for Israel to govern itself.

The biblical text appears to refer to Jethro by multiple names and titles:

Jethro (Exod 3:1; 4:18; 18:1–2, 5–6, 9–10, 12)

Jether (Exod 4:18)

Reuel ("God's friend"; Exod 2:18; Num 10:29)

Hobab (Num 10:29; Judg 4:11)

priest of Midian (Exod 2:16; 3:1; 18:1)

a Midianite (Num 10:29)

the Kenite (Judg 1:16; 4:11)

Bible characters often had personal names, family names, tribe names, nicknames, post-conversion names, names with various spellings, or names earned for a special accomplishment. Jethro's alternate names likely reflect this tradition.

ANGEL OF THE LORD. The angel of the Lord, sometimes 'the angel of God' or 'my (or 'his') angel', is represented in Scripture as a heavenly being sent by God to deal with men as his personal agent and spokesman. In many passages he is virtually identified with God and speaks not merely in the name of God but as God in the first person singular (e.g. with Hagar, Gn. 16:7ff.; 21:17f.: at the sacrifice of Isaac, Gn. 22:1ff.; to Jacob, Gn. 31:13, 'I am the god of Beth-el'; to Moses at the burning bush, Ex. 3:2; with Gideon, Jdg. 6:11ff.). Sometimes he is distinguished from God, as in 2 Sa. 24:16; Zc. 1:12f.; but Zechariah does not consistently maintain the distinction (*cf.* Zc. 3:1f.; 12:8).

In the NT there is no possibility of the angel of the Lord being confused with God. He appears as *Gabriel in Lk. 1:19, though from Acts 8:26, 29 some would infer an identification with the Holy Spirit.

In function, the angel of the Lord is the agent of destruction and judgment (2 Sa. 24:16; 2 Ki. 19:35; Ps. 35:5f.; Acts 12:23); of protection and deliverance (Ex. 14:19; Ps. 34:7; Is. 63:9, 'the angel of his presence'; Dn. 3:28; 6:22; Acts 5:19; 12:7, 11); he offers guidance and gives instructions (Gn. 24:7, 40; Ex. 23:23; 1 Ki. 19:7; 2 Ki. 1:3, 15; Mt. 2:13, 19; Acts 8:26); he gives advance warning about the birth of Samson (Jdg. 13:3ff.), John the Baptist (Lk. 1:1ff.) and Jesus (Mt. 1:20, 24; Lk. 2:9). He is not recognized at once in Jdg. 13:3ff. and is not even visible to Balaam (Nu. 22:22ff.); but mostly when appearing to men he is recognized as a divine being, even though in human form, and is addressed as God (Gn. 16:13, *etc.*).

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