

TAKE UP THE STAFF OF GOD

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EXODUS 3

1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
2. 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.
3. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”
4. 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.”

- **The call of God is the natural outflow of personal encounter with God**
- **The first response to the call of God is, “Here I am!”**

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5. “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

6. Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

- Personal encounter with God is a holy experience**
- The call of God is a holy calling**

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7. 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.

8. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians...

10. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

MOSES' EXCUSES AND SELF-DISQUALIFICATION

- **“Who am I?” (a nobody)**
- **“Who shall I say sent me?” (on what authority do I go?)**
- **“What if they don't believe me?”**
- **“I'm not a good speaker”**

GOD'S ANSWERS

- **I am with you**
- **I AM**
- **Aaron will help deliver the message**
- **What is that in your hand?**

EXODUS 4

20. So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

- The ordinary picked up in God's power and authority becomes extraordinary!**

THE CALL OF GOD IS NOT DEPENDENT ON AGE OR CIRCUMSTANCES

- **Moses**
- **Samuel**
- **Daniel**
- **Disciples**
- **Paul**
- **Women**

WHAT ARE YOUR EXCUSES OR SELF-DISQUALIFICATIONS?

- **What is that in your hand?**
- **Are you willing to pick it up in service to the Lord and allow Him to use it in His power?**