

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

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Thought: All About You

“The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn. So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the mist of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, “Here I am.”  
Exodus 3: 2-4

Consider Moses' encounter with the burning bush. Moses heard the call of God and signaled his availability by saying, *"Here I am"* (Exodus 3:4). God had an assignment for Moses that required complete trust; and preparation began by establishing the holiness of the One who was calling; *"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground"* (Exodus 3:5).

God's chosen people, the Israelites, had lived in Egyptian slavery for more than four hundred years. Now, God chose Moses to be His messenger and instrument of power; *"I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt"* (Exodus 3:10). On one hand God's call is always a great honor - on the other, it can be very frightening.

Moses gave every possible excuse to convince God He'd made a wrong choice: *"Who am I to go to Pharaoh?"* (3:11), *"What if they do not believe me?"* (4:1), *"I am slow of speech and tongue"* (4:10). God was patient with Moses, but finally He had enough.

The Lord said to Moses in Exodus 4:11-14: *"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."* But Moses said, *"O Lord, please send someone else to do it."* At this point the Lord became angry with Moses.

Moses would later be described as *"more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth"* (Numbers 12:3). But now, standing before God and receiving his assignment for battle, his "humility" was nothing more than a self-absorbed lack of faith. Moses looked at his own abilities and didn't see how success was possible. He failed to believe in the God who created the universe and who promised to walk by His side.

Our Christian walk is all about God working through us. Of course our abilities will seem too small; of course the enemy will seem too big! Our Heavenly Father wants an intimate and passionate relationship - why would He lead us in a direction that did not require our complete dependence on Him? The assignment may seem impossible, but His call is our greatest assurance of victory; *"If God be for us, who can be against us"* (Romans 8:31).

When God is truly Lord of our life, it's false humility to believe we cannot follow where He leads. Let's allow His glory to so completely fill our vision that we can boldly say, I can follow because I know ... it's all about You.

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