Message Reflections

a little something extra to keep you connected to Jesus this week

Message Reflections accompany the weekly message.

AW Tozer wrote, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." (The Knowledge of the Holy) The most important thing about you is not your job, how much money you have, the car you drive, or the home you live in. It's not what you look like, your weight, your age, your race, or your gender. It is not if you are a good person who does mostly good things, an evil person who lies, cheats, and steals, or if you are an amoral person who doesn't see the world through the lens of good and evil. No... the most important thing about you is your thoughts about God. Whether you know it or not, your thoughts about God shape every part of your life and every decision you make, and will ultimately determine your eternal existence.

When Moses was taking care of his sheep near the base of Mount Sinai, he was living his life, doing his job. It was just another Tuesday. Then God stepped in and interrupted his life. We don't know from the text in Exodus what Moses thought of God prior to seeing the burning bush. But we know He was first amazed, then he was afraid, and then he argued with God. By the end of his life, here are some of Moses's thoughts about God, "Be strong and courageous... do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will never fail you. He will never abandon you." This is perhaps one of the greatest promises of God, spoken by the man who first responded to God, "Who shall I say is sending me?"

How did Moses go from amazement, fear, and arguing to "He will never abandon me?" When God said, "Go," he said yes. Ok, so his first "yes" wasn't filled with overwhelming confidence but still, he said "yes." Once Moses said "yes," Moses embarked on a journey with Almighty God, and as they say, "the rest in history."

As you read the Word of God, you will see time and again stories of people who are less than amazing and still are used by an amazing God to do amazing things. What is the common characteristic they all have? Availability. God is not looking for amazing people. He is looking for available people. Are you available to God?

This brings me back to your thoughts about God. Why are your thoughts about God so important? Because God made you! He loves you! And He wants to be in a relationship with you. The God of all creation wants you to know Him better. He is running after you. He is chasing you. If you are paying attention, in everyday life, He is setting things on fire to get your attention. Perhaps this Tuesday He will interrupt your life. When He does, your thoughts about God will determine how you respond to Him. Your thoughts about God

determine your availability to Him. Here's the question: when God interrupts your life, will you pause long enough to see just how amazing He is? Let me tell you, HE IS AMAZING!

Moses was amazed at the sight of a burning bush that did not burn up. But that was just the beginning of his journey with God. When God interrupts your life, He does so because He wants to walk with you on an amazing journey too! He made a way to do this through His one and only son Jesus. I encourage you today to choose to go on a life journey with God through His son Jesus, and you will never walk alone. He will never leave you. He will never abandon you. Oh, the places God will take you, the things you will see, and the things He will do in and through you!

- When Moses met God, he was amazed, and he went to see more. What has God done recently that has amazed you? How did you respond?
- God sent Moses into danger in Egypt. Has the LORD led you to do something you didn't want to do, something you were afraid to do? What did you do? What happened? What did you learn?
- The most important thing about you is your thoughts about God. Do you agree? Why or why not? Are your thoughts available to God to learn more about who He is?

