

CHILDREN'S SERMONS FOR GROWN-UPS
Part 3: Moses and the Burning Bush - The Call to Ministry

“Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert... (Exodus 3:1 KJV).

- **THE BURNING BUSH**

“There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of a fire from within a bush. So Moses thought, ‘I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up’” (Exodus 3:2-3 NIV).

- **THE HOLY GROUND**

“Do not come any closer...Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5 NIV).

- Symbol of Respect
- Symbol of Cleanliness
- Symbol of Where You Have Been

- **THE CALL**

“I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt...So now, go. I am sending you to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:7, 10 NIV).

- **THE INSECURITY OF MOSES**

“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?...What if they do not believe me or listen to me...?’” (Exodus 3:11, 4:1 NIV).

- **THE ASSURANCES OF GOD**

“Then the Lord said to him, ‘What is that in your hand?’ ‘A staff.’ He replied. The Lord said, ‘Throw it on the ground.’ Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.’ So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. ‘This,’ said the Lord, ‘is so that they may believe...’” Exodus 4:2-5 NIV).

“Then the Lord said, ‘Put your hand inside your cloak.’ So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow. ‘Now put it back into your cloak,’ He said. So Moses put his hand back into the cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh” (Exodus 4:6-7 NIV).

- **THE GIFT OF SUPPORT**

“‘What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you...I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do’” (Exodus 4:14-15 NIV).

- **THE RESULT**

“Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped” (Exodus 4:29-31 NIV).

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- **THE LESSONS**

- Are you in the backside of the wilderness right now? God will find you.
- What is your burning bush? Where do you find God?
- What is He calling you to do? What is your purpose?
- What has He put in your hands? What have you given to Him to bless and put back in your hands?
- Who is your Aaron? For whom could you be an Aaron?