

# Exodus 3 - 4

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## 5 Day Devotional: Watch: Does God Have Your Attention?

### Day 1: Getting God's Attention

#### Devotional

Moses was just doing his regular job, tending sheep in the wilderness, when something extraordinary caught his eye - a bush that burned but wasn't consumed. What made Moses different wasn't his qualifications or abilities; it was his willingness to stop and pay attention. He could have dismissed it as a desert mirage or been too busy to investigate. Instead, he turned aside to see this great sight. In our fast-paced world, we're often too distracted to notice God's work around us. We rush through our days, checking off tasks and managing responsibilities, missing the divine appointments God has prepared. But availability to God begins with attentiveness to God. When we slow down and truly focus on Him, we position ourselves to be used by Him. God is always at work around us, but the question is: does He have our full attention, or just what's left of it? Moses' willingness to turn aside and investigate changed the trajectory of an entire nation. Your willingness to give God your undivided attention could change everything too.

#### Bible Verse

*'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. 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. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 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." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." - Exodus 3:1-6*

#### Reflection Question

What distractions in your daily routine might be preventing you from noticing God's work around you?

### **Prayer**

God, help my attention be on you again this week. Lord, help me slow down enough to notice the ways you're working around me and through me.

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## **Day 2: Seeing Through God's Eyes**

### **Devotional**

After getting Moses' attention, God revealed something profound - His heart for the suffering. God had seen the misery of His people in Egypt, heard their cries, and was concerned about their suffering. He wasn't distant or indifferent; He was deeply moved by their pain and ready to act. This reveals the second essential element of being used by God: seeing the world's needs through His eyes. God doesn't just want our attention for a personal spiritual experience; He wants us to share His heart for hurting people. When we begin to see others the way God sees them - with compassion, concern, and a desire to help - we align ourselves with His purposes. Moses had actually felt this burden forty years earlier when he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. His heart was in the right place, but his methods were wrong. He acted in his own strength and failed miserably. Now, decades later, God was giving him a second chance to address the same need, but this time in God's way and God's timing. God is still looking for people who will see the needs around them through His eyes - the lonely, the broken, the oppressed, the lost. When we ask God to help us see others as He sees them, we position ourselves to be part of His solution.

### **Bible Verse**

*'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. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them."'* - Exodus 3:7-9

### **Reflection Question**

What needs in your community or relationships might God be calling you to see through His eyes of compassion?

### **Prayer**

Lord, help me see those around me the way you see them this week. Open my eyes to the needs and hurts that you want me to address with your love.

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## **Day 3: When God Calls Nobodies**

### **Devotional**

When God told Moses, "I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt," Moses' immediate response was, "Who am I?" It's a question that reveals both humility and insecurity. Moses had spent forty years in Pharaoh's palace thinking he was somebody important. Then he spent forty years in the wilderness tending sheep, learning he was a nobody. Now God was calling this nobody to do something extraordinary. Moses' question reveals a fundamental misunderstanding that many of us share. We think God's calling depends on our qualifications, our past successes, or our natural abilities. But God's economy works differently. He specializes in using nobodies because, frankly, there aren't any other kinds of people around. Every person God has ever used has been flawed, imperfect, and inadequate in their own strength. The beauty of Moses' story is that it doesn't begin with Moses at all - it begins with God. Your story doesn't begin with you either; it begins with God. When we focus on our inadequacies and failures, we miss the point entirely. God isn't looking for perfect people; He's looking for available people who will trust Him to work through them.

### **Bible Verse**

*'So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" - Exodus 3:10-11*

### **Reflection Question**

In what areas of your life do you feel like a "nobody," and how might God want to use those very areas for His glory?

### **Prayer**

God, help me remember that my story begins with you, not with my qualifications or failures. Use this nobody for your honor and glory.

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## Day 4: The Great I AM

### Devotional

Moses continued to wrestle with God's calling, asking, "What if they ask me your name? What shall I tell them?" This wasn't just about introductions; Moses was questioning his authority and credibility. How could he, a failed leader and fugitive, speak for the God of their ancestors? God's response was profound: "I AM WHO I AM." This name reveals God's eternal, unchanging nature. He is the self-existent one who needs nothing and lacks nothing. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When Moses was focused on his own inadequacies, saying "I am not," God reminded him of the great "I AM." This is where many of us get stuck. We look at ourselves and our failures instead of looking to God and His power. We define ourselves by our past mistakes, our current limitations, or our perceived inadequacies. But God says, "I am who I am because the I AM tells me who I am." Our identity doesn't come from our performance or our past; it comes from our relationship with the eternal God who calls us His own. When you know who God is - the great I AM - it changes how you see yourself and what you believe is possible through His power working in and through you.

### Bible Verse

*'Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, 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, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'" - Exodus 3:13-15*

### Reflection Question

How does knowing God as the great "I AM" change the way you view your own identity and potential?

### Prayer

Lord, help me stop defining myself by my failures and limitations. Remind me that my identity comes from you, the great I AM.

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## Day 5: What's In Your Hand?

### Devotional

Even after God revealed Himself as the great I AM, Moses continued to object. "What if they don't believe me?" he asked. God's response was simple but profound: "What is that in your hand?" It was just a shepherd's staff - a simple wooden rod used for guiding sheep. But when Moses threw it down at God's command, it became a snake. When he picked it up again, it returned to being a staff. God doesn't need us to have extraordinary talents or resources. He simply asks, "What's in your hand?" What gift, talent, or ability has He already given you? Maybe it seems ordinary or insignificant, like Moses' staff. But in God's hands, the ordinary becomes extraordinary. The truth is, God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. He takes what we have - however small or simple - and uses it for His purposes. Moses' staff became the instrument through which God performed mighty miracles. Your "staff" - whatever God has placed in your hand - can become an instrument of His power too. Stop waiting until you feel more qualified or equipped. God is ready to use what you have right now. The question isn't whether you're good enough; the question is whether you're willing to let God work through what's already in your hand.

### Bible Verse

*'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 that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.'" - Exodus 4:1-5*

### Reflection Question

What ordinary thing in your life might God want to use in extraordinary ways for His kingdom?

### Prayer

God, help me see the potential in what you've already placed in my hands. Use my ordinary gifts for your extraordinary purposes.

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