Tell someone something about your name that they probably don't know.

# The Sermon:

# GODSIGHTINGS LEARNING TO EXPERIENCE GOD EVERY DAY

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Bible Reading: Exodus 3 & 4 NLT [edited]

- **3**<sup>1</sup>One day Moses was tending the flock ... far into the wilderness ...
- <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up.

<sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. <sup>6</sup> "I am the God of your father —the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ..."

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries... Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them and lead them out of Egypt into ... a land flowing with milk and honey <sup>10</sup> Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> God answered, "I will be with you..." <sup>13</sup> But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

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<sup>14</sup> God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.
[Or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE.]
Say this to the people of Israel:
I WILL has sent me to you."
15 ... Say this to the people of Israel:
Yahweh [Or the LORD] has sent me to you.
This is my eternal name,
my name to remember for all generations.
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- <sup>16</sup> "Now go and call together all the elders of Israel. Tell them, ...
- <sup>17</sup> I have promised to rescue you ... I will lead you to a land flowing with milk and honey ..."
- 4<sup>1</sup> But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say,
- 'The LORD never appeared to you'?"

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "If they do not believe you and are not convinced by the first miraculous sign, they will be convinced by the second sign. <sup>9</sup> And if they don't believe you or listen to you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, the water from the Nile will turn to blood on the ground."

<sup>10</sup> But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now go! I will be with you as you speak ..."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else." <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD became angry with Moses. "All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well... <sup>15</sup> Talk to him, and put the words in his mouth. I will be with both of you as you speak, and I will instruct you both in what to do. <sup>16</sup> Aaron will be your spokesman to the people. He will be your mouthpiece, and you will stand in the place of God for him, telling him what to say.

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#### **EXCUSE #1**

Who me?!

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<sup>11</sup> But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people ...?"

#### **EXCUSE #2**

I don't know enough.

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"If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

#### **EXCUSE #3**

They won't believe it!

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#### **EXCUSE #4**

That's never been my gifting.

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#### **EXCUSE #5**

I'm sure someone else will do it!

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"This is no 'Man of Steel' that God has chosen. He has weak spots just as we do."

-- Murray Andrew Pura

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#### **ACTION STEP #1**

Ask God <u>questions</u>

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#### **ACTION STEP #2**

Get to know God better

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#### **ACTION STEP #3**

Watch for God sightings

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#### **ACTION STEP #4**

Get <u>equipped</u>

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#### **ACTION STEP #5**

Team up!

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# In Remembrance of Him...