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GOING DEEPER

LIFE LESSONS FROM MOSES – USED BY GOD

“THE BURNING BUSH: THE CALL - PART ONE”

- Compare the calling of Moses with the calling of Abram in Genesis 12:1-4 and the calling of the disciples in Luke 5:1-11. What are some of the similarities and differences?

- Can you identify any burning bush experience you have had in your life? Do you currently have a burning bush in your backyard? Why do you think Moses was afraid to look at God? How does Hebrews 12:28, 29 impact your response?

- God assigns Moses to 'go'. What are some other examples in the Bible of individuals and people being told to go? Read ahead in Exodus 3 and 4 as we consider next Sunday how Moses reacts to this God sized assignment.

Exodus 3:1-10

1. 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 desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
2. 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.
3. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up."
4. 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."
5. "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
6. Then He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
7. 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.
8. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
9. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.
10. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."