

The Burning Bushes of Life

Whatever you accomplish in life, you will have to accomplish on your knees first.



Exodus 3:1-6 KJV

[1] 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, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. [2] And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. [3] And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. [4] And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. [5] And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. [6] Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Discerning Burning Bush Moments:

Moments that can make a distinct difference in life.

1. They come from God without asking.

God was responding to the cries of His people and sought out Moses to deliver them from Pharaoh. He already knew the entire outcome of the story of Moses and could have performed a "fire-in-the-sky-for-all-the-world-to-see" event to reveal his glory and to handle the circumstance himself, but instead, He chose a humble shepherd and tailored the moment specifically for him. The event was God calling out Moses, and He did so in a way that would show His omniscience to the world, but would also involve mankind to share in the demonstration of His power.

2. They have a faith component.

God created a condition specific to Moses to get his attention. A bush on fire may not have had the same impact on someone else, but it was the exact solution to get Moses's attention. However, the situation required Moses to do more than just notice, he had to respond as well. Moses could have noticed the bush from a distance, observed it for a moment, perhaps even in wonder, and just moved on with his day. The next step for Moses was to act, and he responded correctly by drawing near. When God saw Moses was ready to receive instruction, He first declared His omniscience and glory by instructing him to remove his sandals because even the ground itself becomes holy in the presence of God almighty. The command for Moses to deliver His people was not optional, but God did leave in a faith component by which Moses could obey the command completely, or reject a portion, which would have consequences. Out of fear, Moses rejected a portion of God's call and his brother Aaron was chosen to be his mouthpiece to the people, a choice that would have dire consequences in the future with a golden calf at the base of Mount Sinai.

3. They can't be explained by any measure of this world.

To come across a single bush in the middle of the wilderness, fully engulfed in flame, with seemingly no explanation as to how it got that way would be odd enough to explain, but add to it the fact that while the inferno was raging, none of the leaves, flowers, berries, or whatever else was present on the bush were harmed by the raging inferno. Then, to add even more awe to the moment, a voice comes out from the midst of the burning bush that instructs Moses to specifically remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground. A difficult defense to argue the noise coming from the bush was just the wind, if it was giving you an option to use your brother Aaron only after you turned down the initial request. Does wind instruct and debate?

Isaiah 54:17 KJV

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.