



# THE BUSH THAT WOULD NOT BURN

Daily Devotional 15



**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, thank You for my safe keeping. Thank You for my Mum and Dad. Help me to be obedient and to understand, through reading your word, what is your will for my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### MEMORY VERSE - EXODUS 3:14

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# THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 2:16-25, 3:1



In our reading today we found Moses at a well in Midian. A group of sisters were having problems watering their sheep. Moses helped them and through this ended up living in their household with their father, Jethro, who was a priest. God led Moses to this family because they worshipped the one true living God. Moses married one of Jethro's daughters, Zipporah, and for the next 40 years Moses took care of his father in-law's sheep. During this time

God worked on his heart. God wanted to teach Moses to be totally dependent on Him. While Moses was in Midian, another King had come to the throne in Egypt. The Israelites were still in slavery and they cried out to God and the Bible tells us He heard them.

In past studies we discovered how God orchestrates the meeting of just the right people and it happened again with Moses. God is so good! Can you think of a time when God has done this for you and your family, when you have met just the right people at just the right time?



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 2:16**

Now Midian the priest troughs of had daughters. And they seven came and water, father's drew and they filled the to water their flock".





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for my good night's sleep. I love You, Lord, and want to get to know You more. Help me to make the right choices in life, so I can draw closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

Exodus 3:2-15



Imagine a bush on fire but it not being burnt up. The Bible says it was a 'great sight' meaning it must have looked pretty amazing. Notice in verse 3 that the Bible tells us that Moses turned to look at the sight. In verse 4 we are told that when God saw Moses had turned aside to look, He then engaged him in conversation. Moses was asked to remove his sandals, as where he was standing was Holy ground. God had an amazing job for Moses to do. God wanted

Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt. God reassured Moses that He is the 'I AM', (the Beginning and the End, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords) and that He would be with Moses every step of the way.

I am always overwhelmed with the thought that the King of the universe wants to engage in a conversation and a relationship with us. But it is always our choice. He doesn't force us. Have you chosen to engage with God today through prayer and reading your Bible? Choose God today!



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 3:4**

"So when the Moses!" turned LORD saw I that he to look, God to him from the midst aside of the bush and said, "Moses, And he called said, "Here am."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You for another day. Help me to share You with someone today. Thank You for my Bible. Help me to understand what I read today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

Exodus 4:1-17



Moses was overwhelmed with the job that God had asked him to do. Moses expressed to God that he was worried that the Israelites would not believe him. God reminded Moses that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and then gave Moses signs that he could show the Israelites and Pharaoh to prove that indeed it was God that had sent him. But even with the amazing tools that God had given him, Moses was still worried. Moses told God that he wouldn't



be able to speak the Egyptian language well enough, since he had spent the last 40 years in Midian. God was gracious enough to send Moses' brother, Aaron, to be his spokesperson. God assured Moses that He would teach them what to say.

God wanted Moses to totally depend on Him. God removed all possible barriers and equipped Moses for the job, so he had no excuse to stop him from moving forward. God wants to do that for us as well. Pray and ask God to remove all barriers so you can follow Him.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 4:15**

"Now shall speak to him and the teach words in put his mouth. And I will with your you and with his mouth mouth, and I will you what be you shall do"





**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, please send Your angels today to keep me safe. Help me to love You more and understand Your Word. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Exodus 4:18-31



Moses took his wife and children and travelled back to Egypt. God warned Moses that leading the people out of Egypt was not going to be easy. Pharaoh's heart would be hardened many times over. Moses was going to be placed in great danger and his life would only be preserved through the protection of angels. At that time circumcision was part of the covenant between God and the Israelites. Moses had neglected this duty with his youngest son. God could not bless him as a leader and let him continue on his mission until this was done.



After this was attended to, Moses sent his wife and children back to Midian, thinking it was the best for their safety. God then led Aaron out into the desert where he found Moses who told him everything that had happened. Together they went to Egypt and assembled the Israelite elders to show them God's signs and tell them what God had said to Moses. The Israelites believed them and bowed down and worshipped God.

We are told in Psalm 34:7 that angels will encamp around those who love God. Check it out, it is an amazing promise that God has given us.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 4:20**

"Then land took his wife and his God sons and set them on a returned and he to the Moses of Egypt. And Moses took the donkey, rod of in his hand."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, I want to thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die for my sins. Help me to stand strong for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 5:1-21



From our reading today we discovered that Moses and Aaron visited the Pharaoh for the first time. Pharaoh did not to want to acknowledge God at all. In verse 5, Pharaoh said to Moses 'you make them rest from their labor'. Moses had encouraged the Israelites to start keeping the Sabbath. News of that must have gotten to Pharaoh. Keeping the Sabbath up until now had been very difficult for the children of Israel because of their slavery. Pharaoh called them 'idle' but we know that was untrue. They had worked very hard for 6 days and were

resting on the seventh day as God had commanded them to do. Pharaoh, in his anger, refused to supply them with straw to make the bricks. As we have read, it was a disaster, as the Israelites could not meet their quota of bricks and were brutally beaten. Keeping the Sabbath was a sign between the Israelites and God that they were His people. Ezekiel 20:20 and Exodus 31:13-17 tell us that. Today when we keep the Sabbath, we are telling those around us that we love and value God and His commandments. We are also telling others that God is our friend and we want to spend time with Him on His Sabbath day.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 5:7**

"You no shall longer give the straw to gather make people brick as before. Let them and straw for go themselves."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You for the sunshine and the rain. Help me to believe the promises in the Bible and to understand how they can be a comfort to me. Thank You for my family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 5:22-23

& 6:1-13



The Israelites complained bitterly to Moses and Aaron. Moses was deeply distressed and cried out to God. God again reminded Moses of the promise He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that He will bring the Children of Israel to the land of Canaan after delivering them from the cruel bondage which Pharaoh had inflicted upon them. Moses repeated these promises to the Israelites, but they lost faith and began to disbelieve Moses because they were so upset with the cruel punishment inflicted on them by the Egyptians.



When things get difficult, sometimes we can stray away from God's promises and His Word. We can get "off track". Even when life is difficult, don't forget to press into God's Word and claim the promises. Look up these texts to see how God stands by His promises: Psalms 89:34. Ezekiel 36:36 and Malachi 3:6



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 6:8**

"And I bring you into the which I swore to give land to Isaac, will and Jacob; and I will give it Abraham, to you as a heritage: I am the LORD."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You for another Sabbath day. Help me to keep it and be faithful to You. Help me to be a blessing to someone today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 7:1-13



#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God again reassured Moses that He would deliver them and that the Egyptians would acknowledge that He is the One and True God. The Bible tells us that Moses was 80 years old and Aaron was 83 years old when God used them to deliver the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Moses and Aaron appeared before Pharaoh the second time and showed him the sign of the rod turning into a snake. But Pharaoh wasn't impressed and sent for his wise men and magi-

cians and they threw down their rods which also turned into snakes. But God's rod swallowed up the counterfeit rods. We know that Satan was behind the counterfeits. God was showing Pharaoh that He was more powerful than his magicians and gods.

Satan loves to counterfeit God. This instance of the magician's rods also turning into snakes is just one example. The Bible tells us to be careful of deceivers, imposters and false prophets. Have a look at these verses: *Matthew 7:15, Matthew 24:4-5, and 2 Timothy 3:13* 



#### **SABBATH QUIZ**

How many daughters did Jethro have?
2. What was the name of Moses' first son?
3. What was in Moses' hand that turned into a serpent?

- 4. What did Pharaoh refuse to give the Israelites when making their bricks? \_\_\_\_
- 5. How old was Aaron when God first began using him to convince Pharaoh to let the Children of Israel go?



This week we will study about Moses and his amazing encounter with God.



# Torchlight

"Humility and reverence should characterize the deportment of all who come into the presence of God. In the name of Jesus we may come before Him with confidence, but we must not approach Him with the boldness of presumption, as though He were on a level with ourselves."

— Patriarchs & Prophets p. 252



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