

Session 01

The Burning **BUSH**

CENTRAL TRUTH | The one true God is faithful to His people.

We will all have times when the raging waters of life threaten to drown us. In moments of difficulty, many of us are quick to call on others for help—people like friends, family members, mentors, or pastors. While these people may not be able to change our situation, their presence and support mean a lot to us. In this week's passage, the Israelites call out to the Lord for help and rescue—and the Lord responds to their cries. He invites a man named Moses to play a part in His rescue plan to lead the Israelites into freedom from their Egyptian captivity. Together, we'll see that the one true God is faithful to His people.



REFLECT

What questions do I have about God?

What questions do I have about myself?

What questions do I have about the world and those around me?

EXODUS 3:1-6

¹ Meanwhile, Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² Then the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed. ³ So Moses thought, “I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn’t the bush burning up?” ⁴ When the LORD saw that

he had gone over to look, God called out to him from the bush, “Moses, Moses!” “Here I am,” he answered.

⁵ “Do not come closer,” he said. “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he continued, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

EXODUS 3:7-10

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors. I know about their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the territory of the Canaanites,

Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

⁹ So because the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me, and I have also seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them, ¹⁰ therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

EXODUS 3:11-15

¹¹ But Moses asked God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He answered, “I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I am the one who sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship God at this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they

ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?”

¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.

Day 01

EXODUS 3:1-6



Refer to page 5 for a description of the 7 Arrows of Bible Reading.

READ & RESPOND

Imagine seeing a bush that's on fire but doesn't burn. This is the incredible sight Moses witnessed. When Moses encountered the bizarre bush, God revealed Himself to Moses as well as His plan for the enslaved Israelites. This image of fire is a powerful symbol used throughout Scripture to signify God's nearness to His people, and we don't just see it here. From the pillar of fire that led the Israelites through the wilderness and the divine fire on Mount Sinai to the flames that descended at Pentecost, fire consistently represents God's enduring presence. This powerful symbol in the story of Moses and the burning bush shows that even in the most unusual circumstances, God is always with His people.

↻ Why did God require Moses to remove his sandals in His presence?

↓ What do you think Moses understood about himself when he hid his face from God in verse 6?

→ In what unusual or unexpected circumstances in your life have you felt a sense of God's presence? What did that teach you about His nearness?

MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 3:14** in a creative font and illustrate it with markers, paint, or other art supplies. Seeing the verse in a colorful and artistic way helps it stick in our minds. Hang it where you can see it every day.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, be near me. Guide me with Your presence and help me to see Your work in my life.

Day 02

EXODUS 3:7-10

📍 READ & RESPOND

The Israelites had been slaves for about four hundred years in Egypt. In this passage, God tells Moses that He has seen their suffering and He is coming to rescue them. This isn't a distant, uncaring God. Instead, He is a God who sees, hears, and is deeply moved by the pain of His people. He doesn't just observe their struggle; He acts. This passage reminds us that our God is intimately involved in our lives. When we are hurting, He sees. When we cry out, He hears. And He is faithful to respond with a plan for our deliverance. We can trust that He is working, even when we can't see it.

↑ What does God's rescue plan tell us about His love for His children?

→ During times of suffering in your life or the lives of others, how have you witnessed God's faithfulness and deliverance?

↔ How can we use this passage to help others when they are suffering?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write each word of **Exodus 3:14** on separate pieces of paper. Mix up the words and put them back in the correct order. This activity helps you think about the correct structure of the verse.

📍 PRAY

Lord, You are our great Deliverer. In tough times, remind me of Your faithfulness and goodness. Let my life be a witness to others that You care about the suffering of Your people.

Day 03

EXODUS 3:11-15

📍 READ & RESPOND

When God called Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, Moses felt inadequate, questioning his ability for such a monumental task. God’s response, however, shifted the focus from Moses’ weakness to God’s unwavering presence and power. God didn’t choose Moses for his own qualifications but because of His ability. His powerful declaration, “I AM WHO I AM,” reveals that His name itself is a promise of His constant presence. Like Moses, we are not called because we are naturally qualified but because God is with us. His “I AM” is our strength and assurance in every task.

🔍 Go back a chapter and review Exodus 2. Why do you think Moses felt unworthy of the task God had given him?

↑ How can God’s reply to Moses in verse 12 encourage us when we feel unqualified for a task?

← Why would the list of ancestors in verse 15 have been important to the Israelites?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 3:14** on a small card. Walk around and say the verse out loud. The physical movement helps your brain process and remember the words. You can say it faster or slower as you walk.

📍 PRAY

Lord God, thank You for Your constant presence. When tough tasks lie before me, remind me that You are my strength and ability. Because of Your nearness, I can do hard things.

Day 04

JOHN 8:54-59

📍 READ & RESPOND

In this passage, Jesus and the Jewish leaders are in a contentious debate. When the leaders ask Jesus who He claims to be, He says, “Before Abraham was, I am.” In doing so, Jesus is declaring His divinity, identifying Himself as the eternal God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush. To the Jewish leaders, this is blasphemy, and they immediately try to stone Him. Like the Jewish leaders, we, too, are forced to confront this truth: Jesus is either a liar or the Lord. There is no other option.

← How does the Jews’ reaction to Jesus reveal their understanding of who He is?

→ How should knowing that Jesus existed before everything and everyone change how we respond to Him?

↓ What do our actions (and inactions) reveal about our true belief about who Jesus is?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 3:14** on a sticky note and put it on your bathroom mirror. Every time you get ready in the morning or evening, say the verse out loud while looking at your reflection. The visual and verbal repetition will help you lock the words into your memory.

📍 PRAY

Jesus, You have always been and always will be. Thank You for rescuing me so that I may live eternally with You one day. Give me the courage to tell others this good news.

Day 05

HEBREWS 11:23-26

📍 READ & RESPOND

Moses' story shows us what it looks like to have real faith. When he was born, his life was in danger, but his parents trusted God's promise and hid him. When Moses grew up, he made a choice. He chose to give up his position as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, which meant leaving behind a life of wealth, power, and fame. Why would he do that? Because Moses believed he had a better, lasting reward waiting for him. He chose to suffer with God's people rather than enjoy a good life in Egypt. Moses knew that the insults he might face for following God were worth more than all of Egypt's treasures. His life teaches us that true riches aren't found in what we have here on earth but in the amazing, eternal gift of knowing Jesus.

→ What does this passage teach us about the challenge of following Jesus?

↓ Why is faith not always an easy choice?

↻ How can you pray for people who struggle with the choice to follow Jesus or reject Him for their temporary comfort?

📍 MEMORIZE

Make up a simple tune or rap to go with **Exodus 3:14**. The rhythm and melody will help you remember the words. You can sing it to yourself or record it to listen to later.

📍 PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for the eternal reward that awaits me for choosing You. When faith is the harder choice, give me Your strength and endurance.