

Week 3: **Exodus 3:1-22 | Readiness**

Reading: Ex. 3:1-14

Aims:

1. Know the story of Moses and the burning bush and learn the name of God – 'I AM WHO I AM'. God is not done with Moses even though Moses messed up. He is ready to receive God's call
2. When we have botched up our attempts at following God's call by pursuing it in our own passion and strength, God is not done with us. Often it is these wilderness and fallow seasons of life that God uses to ready us for the initial vision he gave us and the pursuit of our unique call. What is required to be ready is a fresh and commissioning encounter with the Living God who IS.
3. God makes good on His promises. He made promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Those promises ought to be remembered and will be fulfilled. God's promises are to be remembered and they will be fulfilled.

Review:

In the first two weeks we saw that Moses call began to be identified through his unique self. A Hebrew infanticide survivor raised in the royal Egyptian household, Moses had a holy discontent and righteous anger against the slavery of the Hebrews in Egypt. In the formational years of what would become his call, he took matters into his own hands killing an Egyptian slave driver and it resulted in loss. He lost the opportunity to live out his call. He found himself exiled in a foreign land and becoming a shepherd – the lowliest of occupations in Egypt.

Discussion:

1. God is adding another tributary to the river that is Moses' life: shepherding flocks. Moses' call is being refined – just as he is both Hebrew and Egyptian and is positioned to liberate the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, he now also knows how to lead a flock through the wilderness as he will with the Hebrews.

Take a moment in home group to review the 'tributaries' that have come together to equip you for a call God has on your life.

2. One of the ways God gets our attention is through presenting us with something unusual that gets our attention and piques our curiosity – like a bush that is on fire but is not being consumed. How has God piqued your curiosity to get your attention in the past? Is He now?
3. Moses' courage in receiving God's call on his life is a bit fragile. When God first addresses him in vs. 4 he is ready – 'Here I am!' yet in vs. 11 he is a bit less sure – 'Who am I?' God reassures Moses by assuring him that He will be with him and telling him who He is – I AM.

God is outside of time – He is before, after and throughout all things and knows the end from the beginning. How might that encourage us as our courage to take up God's call on us may falter or be fragile?

4. Moses was in a time and place where he could be confronted by God in the burning bush. Are there times and places in your life where God might have the opportunity to pique your curiosity and speak to you? What are they?