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Turn aside

message

Moses

- What made Moses different?
- Exodus 3:1-4

1 "Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

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James 4:8

8 (a) “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

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Israelite mentality

- Ex 20:18-21
- “Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.”

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Goldfish minded

- Ex 14:11-12

11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

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Walking with His shadow

- Ps 18:29

²⁹ For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

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Turning aside

- 1 Having the encounter
- 2 Learning to hear his voice
- 3 Respond to His words
- 4 Drawing closer and gaining confidence

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Having the encounter

- Rev 3:20

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

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2. Hearing his voice

- Reading His word
 - **Deut 8:3(b)** – “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”
 - It **ARRR** very simple

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2. Hearing His voice

- A – ASK
- R – READ
- R – REFLECT
- R – RESPOND

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2. Hearing his voice

- Intersession

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3. Respond to His words

- 1 Cor 12:4-11 (spiritual gifts – Lets use them)
- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Contribution
- Leaders
- Acts of mercy

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3. Respond to His words

- 2 Cor 12:9 (power made perfect in weakness)

⁹ But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”

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3. Respond to His words

- 1 Pet 4:3-4

3. You have had enough in the past of the evil things that the godless people enjoy – their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

4. Of course your former friends are surprised when you now longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you.

- John 15:18

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4. Drawing closer

- Ex 13:21

²¹ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

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Time to Turn aside

- God is calling you!

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