

# REDEEMED

**God can turn anything around**

## **Discovering The God Who Delivers**

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Exodus 3:1-14 – One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it did not burn up.

“This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

“Here I am!” Moses replied.

“Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.”

“I am the God of your father –the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them ... The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

## 1. **TRUST the God who can get you back ON TRACK.**

"Take off your sandals, for the ground you are standing on is holy."

And God said, "I will be with you..."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

## 2. Use your **MOUTH** to declare the goodness, power and sovereignty of the **LORD**.

Exodus 4:31 – ...and when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

### **Life Group Discussion & Questions**

**BREAKING THE ICE:** Moses' childhood was unusual, to say the least. Tell something about how you grew up - something that others might not know.

**DIGGING IN:** Exodus is a big book of redemption. God saves. God delivers. God leads. God supplies.

1. Read Exodus chapter 3. Has God ever done anything usual that got your attention? Explain.
2. Most of us can probably see ourselves in Moses' response to God's call. Have you felt unqualified for something you knew God wanted you to do? Explain.

3. How does God's response to Moses (revealing the name "I AM") encourage or challenge you?

4. Worship is something God not only delights in, but He uses it to develop us. Take a few moments and worship God through thanksgiving. What has God done, or what do you value about Him, that you can share?

**BRINGING IT HOME:** This week pray for others and pray for our Good Friday and Easter services. Trust that God wants to use you to invite others or to serve in one or more of our upcoming services.