



## “When God Calls Your Name”

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*Exodus 3*

**History** – We left off on v. 4, where Moses turned aside from his own way, and God took notice. God takes notice when you turn to Him

### **V. 4 – “God called to him from the midst of the bush”**

We tend to look for God in the lightning, in only the BIG things, usually only in the good things, but know this...

God will normally speak to you from the **MIDST** of the circumstances!

Too many times we have an encounter with God, and we want Him to speak to us in different ways. But I believe that when you have an encounter with God, usually He will speak to you in the midst of it.

### **STOP LOOK AND LISTEN!**

Too many people are trying to go from one mountain top to another, and all they do is complain about the valleys. Life is in the everyday stuff!!

Don't miss your life trying to get from one mountain top to another, enjoy the **JOURNEY**, encounter God through the highs and the lows.

## **FOLLOW 1<sup>ST</sup>, THEN GOD SPEAKS**

Take notice of something... God didn't speak to Moses until He saw that Moses turned to Him first. Most people want to hear from God before they will follow Him. But we see that Moses had to follow 1<sup>st</sup>, and then he heard from God. Be obedient to God, and follow Him first!

### **“Moses, Moses”**

Did you know that when you hear from God, that He isn't just grasping at straws? He isn't just throwing it to the wall over & over until it sticks with someone?

When you hear from God, it is **personal and specific** for you!!

Some people think that every time they hear from the Lord, that it's for everyone. If God tells you to give up drinking soda, that doesn't mean that everyone you talk to needs to stop drinking Pepsi!!

Sometimes the message is just for you, and you alone.

Have you ever had a scripture or word from God “jump out” at you, or a great big revelation from God... and then you try to share it with someone else? Your spouse, friend, family, or pastor... and it doesn't seem to have the life changing, world shattering effect on them like it did for you?

Don't let that discourage you or hinder what God is saying to you. Just know that it was for you personally from God. For you alone!

Many preachers easily get caught up with this. God tells them something for them, and they assume it's a sermon... or a standard for the church.

Sometimes God just wants to talk to you, and you alone.

BTW... Did you know that **God knows your name?**

That He calls you by name? He knows the very # of hairs on your head!

**Luke 12:7** God loves you that much!

Life can be so lonely, so cold. People can be so cruel, so forgetful, and neglectful... but not our Heavenly Father. He remembers you. Maybe it's been a while since you took time to remember Him, but He still remembers you. He calls you by name!

Last week we discussed how when we will turn aside from our busy lives, God will take notice... but now I tell you that He does so much more than notice. He calls out to you. He calls you by name. He calls it, not just once, but **TWICE!**

Why does He call your name twice?

To let you know that He is earnestly seeking you personally.

He calls your name the 1<sup>st</sup> time so that you will notice Him.

He calls it the 2<sup>nd</sup> time so you will know that He took notice of you!!

Moses' response? Simple... but pure...

**“HERE I AM”**

What a change that is starting in Moses' life here! This is a man that spent a chunk of his life running from people and God, so they wouldn't find him. **Ex. 2:15**

Moses went from running to surrender.

He ran far and long but ended up face to face with God.

Jonah tried the same thing. So do we. So does the whole world.

### **Genesis 3:8 – Adam and Eve ran and hid from God**

It isn't that change is about to take place, but that change has already started. It starts the very moment we stop running from God and we say "Here I am", and allow Him to see us for who and where we really are.

Every single day we should wake up and say: "Here I am"

Every day we should proclaim to God and remind ourselves that we will not ignore Him or His calling.

Every day start out telling God "Here I am" and acknowledge Him as your Lord, that you follow Him and not the other way around.

Everyday when I wake up in the morning I start out my day saying 3 words: **"GOOD MORNING LORD!"**

It's a great reminder for me that He is there, and that I am His.

It's my affectionate love cry to God. It's my way of saying "Here I am" on a daily basis. Upfront I confess that I will not run or hide from Him.

Remember, when you pray, when you talk to God... you aren't trying to change His mind. You aren't trying to influence or manipulate God to your opinion, agenda or personal will.

**PRAYER IS REPORTING FOR DUTY!!**

Prayer is our way of saying “Here I am” when God calls us by name.

Let’s worship the Lord, and just praise Him with all that is within us.  
Let’s be unveiled before Him.

Your Father knows your name. He cares so much for you, He will hear you if you will turn to Him and answer.

He’s calling your name... twice!



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