



Moses—Lesson 3 (part 2)

Responding to our
“Burning Bush” Moments

Biblical Character Sketches

“Who am I, that I should go?”

Exodus 3:11



WALKING IN THEIR
SANDALS

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Exploring today's lesson

- 40 years in the “school of **self-discovery**” (part 1)
- The **name** of God: “I AM THAT I AM” (Jehovah) (part 1)
- A focus on **Moses**
- The God of **2nd chances**



A Discussion Point

Can you name some
examples of 2nd chance
successes in Scripture?

Jehovah counters Moses' 4 objections

- Moses' objection #1 – I have no clout with **pharaoh**. (3:11-12)
 - Jehovah's solution: Pharaoh will **see Me** through you.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to account for the **presence** of Jehovah.

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- Moses' objection #1 – I have no clout with **pharaoh**. (3:11-12)
- Moses' objection #2 – I have no clout with **my own people**. (3:13-15)
 - Jehovah's solution: The God of the **past** is the God of the **present**.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to recognize that the Israelites of Egypt were **God's chosen people** as much as the patriarchs were.

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- Moses' objection #2 – I have no clout with **my own people**. (3:13-15)
- Moses' objection #3 – The Israelites **will not believe** Jehovah sent me. (4:1-5)
 - Jehovah's solution: They will **see** God's presence and power in you.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to believe the people could experience the **reality of God** as he had.

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- Moses' objection #4 – I am **not specifically qualified** for this task. (4:10-17)
 - Jehovah's solution: My **grace** will shine brighter through your weakness.
 - Oversight: Moses failed to believe Jehovah could **glorify Himself** through his area of weakness.



A Discussion Point

- ✓ Is there a difference between an objection and a sinful excuse?
- ✓ If so, how do you differentiate between the two?
- ✓ Does God owe us explanations for our objections?

Applications: What is a “burning bush” experience?

- It could be a typical Sunday morning sermon that suddenly hits me right between the eyes, making me feel I am the only person in the auditorium.
- It could be the moment a phone call turns an ordinary day into a life-changing event.
- It could be a normal interaction that becomes a divine appointment.
- It could be a quiet time with God that confronts me with a heart-wrenching decision.
- It could be the moment my blind spot becomes the target of God’s convicting arrows.
- It could be an ordinary missions conference that unexpectedly confronts me with God’s call to foreign missions.

Takeaways from today's lesson

- It is not God, but I, who allows my past to **limit my future**.
- I may dwell on my past, but God patiently frames my past into **a better future**.
- The past is for my learning, not my limitation.
- There is **no age limit** on obedience to God's calling and will.
- God's **promises** are timeless.
- My God is a God of **2nd chances**.
- **Faith** is a matter of obedience, and **obedience** is a matter of faith.



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