

MOSES

Exodus 3 : 1 – 12.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God..... I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you.



The initial encounter of Moses with God at the beginning of the book of Exodus (Exodus 3:1 – 12) emerges out of his sense of curiosity. Moses sees something extraordinary and goes to investigate. He hears that he is on Holy Ground, and the voice he can hear is the voice of God; the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'. God has a unique relationship with each individual.

In these verses, Moses is called by God to lead God's people out of their slavery in Egypt and to bring them to a land of life and promise. Moses' hesitation at the enormity of this task is very understandable. Later, Moses feels very inadequate and pleads with God to send someone else (Exodus 4:10 – 13). God's response is 'I will be with you'. And Aaron, his brother, is appointed to support Moses in his task (Ex 4:14 – 15).

- What extraordinary things of God awake your curiosity?
- Where have you encountered Holy Ground?
- How do you nurture your unique relationship with God?
- Can you identify with Moses' reaction to Gods call? What is God's response to your concerns?
- Who supports you on your journey?