

VINEYARD church

PRAYER & FASTING

DAY 4

Scripture Focus

"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 didn't 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."

– Exodus 3:1-4 (NLT)

God in Mundane Places

An old college buddy of mine stopped by my wife and I's small apartment while we were living in Los Angeles. He was visiting family out on the West Coast but made it a point to swing out of the way and see us. We sat for lunch and as I shifted back into old, familiar conversations he stopped me. He had something to get off his chest. He shared about the years I had shared my faith with him and the impact those experiences had on him while we were at college. It wasn't until we graduated and went our separate ways that he decided to check out the church I had always invited him to. That small community became his home, and it was there that he gave his life to Christ. Everything changed for him. In that one-bedroom apartment, while dining on mac-n-cheese and chicken nuggets, I experienced the in-breaking of God's love and nothing short of a miracle. God showed up in an incredible way in a mundane place with familiar people.

"Here I Am"

What does it mean to hear from God in the midst of our everyday lives? If God can show up in miraculous ways out in a field somewhere, then He can reveal himself in our offices, around the dining table, or while we're putting the kids to sleep. Do we have eyes to see Him moving? Are we listening?

Try setting a reminder on your phone this week to pause in the middle of your day and prayerfully listen for God to speak. Take a moment to slow down and listen for the Holy Spirit's prompting.

Try asking,

- "What does love require of me in this upcoming meeting or on this call?"
- Try writing scripture on a card and placing it somewhere you'll be reminded to slow down and pray.
- Ask yourself, "Who is someone I can love on or encourage in my life?"

Prayer

Father, you have done wonderful things and shown up in amazing ways throughout history. I know you are still a God who does miracles, and my prayer is that You would lead me into places of greater faith. Would You give me eyes to see You moving? Would You give me ears to hear Your calling? Lord, help me sense Your will in my day-to-day interactions and give me the strength to respond like Moses. Amen.

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