

HOLY
GROUND

Series: Unlikely Leaders

Moses, the Reluctant Leader

Exodus 3-4

Moses

Ex. 3:2-3, The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, “I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”

Moses

5-6, Then God said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ He said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses

10, “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that **you** may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Moses

Inferiority

11, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?”

Moses

My Presence

12, “Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.”

Moses

Lack of Authority

13, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?”

Moses

I AM God

14, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

Moses

Skepticism or Doubt

4:1, “What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”

Moses

Trust Me

2, “What is that in your hand?”

Moses

Not a Good Speaker

10, “Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

Moses

Divine Empowerment

11-12, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² “Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.”

Moses

Passing the Buck

13, “O Lord, please send someone else to do it.”

Moses

Anger of God

14-16, Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well....¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

Moses

Reluctant Leader

Great Leader