

God Calls us in Crisis - Exodus 3:1-12

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

- Called to know Him
- Called to His mission
- Called in fear?

God Calls us out of Doubt - Exodus 3:13-4:9

- Who am I? 3:11
 - Who are you? 3:13
 - Who do you think you are...? 4:1, 4:10
- I AM!

God Calls us into His Plan - Exodus 4:10-17

10 Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." 11 The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." 13 But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." 14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you.

- God passionately pursues His plan!

John Piper- God's passion for His own glory

Implication #1. *God's passion for his own glory and his passion for my joy in him are not at odds.*

Implication #2. *Therefore, God is as committed to my eternal and ever-increasing joy in him as he is to his own glory.*

- Isaiah 26:3 and Exodus 4:18

What's your burning bush?

Sins to share?

Doubts to divulge?

Challenges to step up to?

Who will you talk to about your crisis of faith(s)?

Our Crisis: God's Call!

1. God Calls us in Crisis = Accept the Invitation
 2. God Calls us out of Doubt = Die to self dependence
 3. God Calls us into His plan = Make the needed adjustments
- Exodus 4:18