

FROM EXCUSES TO EXCELLENCE

Exodus 3 & 4

I want to start this morning by asking you a couple of QUESTIONS:

- If you could DO anything that you ever wanted to do _____ what would you DO?
- If you could BE anything that you ever wanted to be _____ what would you BE?

What keeps me from reaching my potential for God?

1. _____
2. _____

D.L. Moody: *Moses spent 40 years, thinking that he was somebody ... then he spent 40 years learning that he was nobody ... and then he spent 40 years discovering what God can do with a nobody.*

Exodus 3:1 - 5

¹Now, Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian and he lead the flock to the west side of the wilderness. And came to Horeb, the mountain of God, and ² the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush. ⁴When 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."

TWO LESSONS FROM THE BURNING BUSH

1. God appears in the _____.

Exodus 3:2-4

"And Moses looked and behold, the bush was burning with fire yet the bush was not consumed. So Moses said, 'I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.'" Now underline this next phrase because it's key: "When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses'. And he said, 'Here I am.'"

2. God has to get our _____.