

## PREPARING THE SOIL OF THE SOUL: WILDERNESS LESSONS

### Exodus 3.1-15

Before God called Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt, he was shepherding out in the wilderness. Moses did just about everything he could to avoid God’s call but eventually left his comfort zone to embrace the uncertainty that was ahead, allowing God to transform him into an effective leader of his people.

As we focus on cultivating the soil of our souls, this story invites us to wonder about how God might be calling us to leave our comfort zones and experience a dying to self that will help us to have a greater Kingdom impact and become all that God has created us to be.

#### WILDERNESS LESSONS:

##### 1. Be on the lookout for **DIVINE DISRUPTIONS**

*So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” v 3*

**TO DO:** Slow down (i.e. do less). Pay attention to unexpected interruptions or unusual circumstances in your daily routine. Could those unanticipated happenings be a “burning bush” event where God is trying to direct you or teach you something? Document them and reflect on them.

##### 2. God wants to **TRANSFORM ME** to make a **KINGDOM IMPACT**.

*But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” v 11*

**TO DO:** Write down three ways God might view your potential differently than you currently see yourself. Consider a new identity that God might be transforming your toward and take one concrete step toward living into that identity.

##### 3. God promises to **HELP ME DURING THIS PROCESS**.

*And God said, “I will be with you. v 12*

*I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”*

Exodus 4.12

*Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.*

Psalms 54.4

**TO DO:** Make a two-column list identifying your perceived inadequacies alongside God’s promises of “I will be with you,” and “I will help you.” As you take on new and challenging situations toward transformation, spend a few minutes in prayer focusing on God’s promises.

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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