

## WHEN IT LOOKS TOO LATE FOR A COMEBACK ACTS 7:23-30

### Series: *HOW GOD TURNS SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS*

<sup>30</sup> "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. <sup>31</sup> When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord's voice: <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. *Acts 7:30-32 (NIV)*

### The "Burning Bush" Principle:

- **IN THE MIDST OF THE \_\_\_\_\_, WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT, YOU ARE SURPRISED BY GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> 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.

*Exodus 3:4-6 (NIV)*

## FOUR COMMON QUESTIONS FROM MOSES, WHEN GOD TURNS SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS:

### 1. WHO AM I TO ... ?

<sup>11</sup> But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain."

*Exodus 3:11-12 (NLT2)*

- **GOD'S ANSWER: "I will be with you."**

### 2. WHO ARE YOU \_\_\_\_\_ ?

<sup>13</sup> But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" <sup>14</sup> God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you." *Exodus 3:13-14 (NLT2)*

- **GOD'S ANSWER: "I Am"**

**Note: "I Am," (Yahweh) – God is completely dependable and utterly able to meet every need of His people.**

### 3. WHAT ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ ?

<sup>1</sup> But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The LORD never appeared to you?'" <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.

*Exodus 4:1-2 (NLT2)*

- **GOD'S ANSWER: "What is in your hand?"**

### 4. HOW ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ ?

<sup>10</sup> But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?"

*Exodus 4:10-11 (NLT2)*

- **GOD'S ANSWER: "Who made your \_\_\_\_\_ ?"**

<sup>24</sup> It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. <sup>27</sup> It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. *Hebrews 11:24-27 (NLT2)*

<sup>12</sup> 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' <sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. <sup>14</sup> Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing-- grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

*Joel 2:12-14 (NIV)*