

## CALLED: Given Confidence

Exodus 3:1-12

*And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you. -Exodus 3:12a NIV*

Have you ever been doing an ordinary every-day task and something out of the blue has happened? Perhaps you were at the grocery store and saw someone that you haven't seen in a while or you were out on a walk with your friends when a huge storm rolled in out of nowhere. How did you respond? Were you excited? Scared? A mix of both?

If you're anything like me, you have a small fear of storms. I remember one time I was having fun and walking around with my friends when suddenly we found ourselves trapped at a park in the middle of a storm. One of my friends suggested that we should move to a safer place where we could wait out the storm. I was too frightened to move and wanted to stay exactly where I was, but my friends promised me that they would keep me safe. They helped me gain the confidence and understanding I needed in order to get to where we needed to be.

In Exodus Chapter 3, Moses was out tending to the sheep of his father-in-law, nothing out of the ordinary for him. It wasn't until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God, when something surprising happened. He noticed that a bush was on fire, but it was not burning! At the bush, God spoke to him saying, "Do not come near; take your sandals off of your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Moses hid his face out of fear.

God needed Moses to go to the Pharaoh in order to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. Frightened, Moses questioned God about whether or not he was supposed to talk to Pharaoh. He didn't think that the Egyptians would believe him. God helped Moses by saying "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you."

It is important that when we are in situations like Moses, where we may be scared, frightened, or even confused, that we have faith and know that God is always with us. God gives us the strength, faith, and confidence to do His work. Let us remember the promise that God will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Let's pray:

Dear Lord, Thank you for giving us the confidence that we need to do your work. May we find comfort knowing that you will always be with us and that you guide us whenever we may feel scared, tired, or lost. Help us to comfort and support others in time of need, giving them the same confidence that you have provided in us. Amen.

