

# Season of Lent: *By Faith*

## *March 10, 2021, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent*

### *The Faith of Moses*

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*By faith, Moses chose the hard path to follow God's call. How does our faith affect the choices we must make?*

#### **First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-15***

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I am who I am."<sup>[a]</sup> He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord,<sup>[b]</sup> the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you'

#### **Gospel Reading: John 1:35-39**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched

Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

### **Questions to Reflect on:**

1. In the Bible, when we read about the life of Moses, we witness a lot of change and transformation taking place in his life: Deliverance from death as an infant by being placed in a floating basket on the river, being rescued by Pharaoh’s daughter and raised as a prince of Egypt, learning about his Hebrew heritage and fleeing into the wilderness after helping a fellow Hebrew leads him to commit murder, receiving God’s call in a burning bush to rescue the people of Israel, and finally leading them through the wilderness to the promised land. In your life of faith, what kinds of changes or transformations have you experienced?
2. God equipped Moses with a special staff to perform signs and miracles and he also gave him people like Aaron and his sister Miriam to help him with his mission from God. In what ways do you feel God has equipped you to serve him by serving others?
3. God used a burning bush to get Moses’ attention and appealed to Moses love for his people to encourage him to help deliver them. As you look back at your life of faith, how has God captured your attention? How have you sought to capture the attention of others with God’s love and His Gospel message for them?