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**The Wilderness: Finding God in Your Difficult Season**  
Finding Holiness in the Hard Places

Exodus 3:1–12 (HCSB)

*Meanwhile, Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought: I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn't the bush burning up? <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Here I am," he answered. <sup>5</sup> "Do not come closer," He said. "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then He continued, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of My people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I know about their sufferings. <sup>8</sup> I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey - the territory of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The Israelites' cry for help has come to Me, and I have also seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses asked God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He answered, "I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship God at this mountain."*

**1. GOD MUST FIRST CAPTURE OUR \_\_\_\_\_  
BEFORE HE USES US vv 1-3**

- God does not meet us all in the same way, but He does have to get our attention.
- Hearing from God in the wilderness requires us to be \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

**2. FINDING GOD IN THE DIFFICULT SEASONS CAN LEAD US TO \_\_\_\_\_ vv 4-5**

- A genuine \_\_\_\_\_ with God will lead us to worship.
- We don't always meet with God in a spectacular way, but the more we look, the more we find.

**3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU MEET GOD, LISTEN CAREFULLY FOR YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT vv 6-10**

- We may feel overwhelmed with the \_\_\_\_\_, but God knows what He is doing.
- God can meet us in our wilderness experience so we can help others in theirs.

**4. WE MAY \_\_\_\_\_ WHY GOD WANTS TO USE US, BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE DISOBEDIENT vv 11-12**

- We all feel \_\_\_\_\_ at times in the task God assigns us, but it should never stop us.
- Understand that God is with you to help you through your wilderness.

**The Next Step:**

When you know that God has met you in your difficult season, be obedient with your next assignment.