

FACING MY INSECURITIES

Exodus 3:1-12 One day, Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ 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." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."⁶ 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. ⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you (Moses) to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹ Moses says to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² And God says to him, "I will be with you. (NIV)

Exodus 4:1-10 "But Lord, what if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'God never appeared to you.'" ² Then the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. ³ "Throw it down on the ground," the LORD told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. ⁴ Then the LORD told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand. ⁵ "Perform this sign," the LORD told him. "Then they will believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you." ⁶ Then God says to Moses, "Now put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out again, his hand was white as snow with a severe skin disease. ⁷ "Now put your hand back into your cloak," the LORD said. So Moses put his hand back in, and when he took it out again, it was as healthy as the rest of his body. ⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "If they do not believe you and are not convinced by the first miraculous sign, they will be convinced by the second sign. ⁹ And if they don't believe you or listen to you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, the water from the Nile will turn to blood on the ground." ¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the LORD STILL, "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." (NLT)

¹⁰"Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." **Exodus 4:10** (NIV)

THREE SOURCES OF INSECURITY

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Proverbs 27:6 ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. (NKJV)

THREE SOLUTIONS TO INSECURITY

1. _____.

Matthew 19:30 ³⁰ Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. (NIV)

Matthew 5:38-40 ³⁸ “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. (NLT)

Romans 12:2 ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and acceptable. (NLT)

Psalms 8:3-5 ³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars that you set in place—⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? ⁵ Yet, you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. (NLT)

2. _____.

Psalms 139:13 ¹³ For you created my inner most being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. (NIV)

3. _____.

Isaiah 64:8 ⁸ You, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (NIV)