

THE BUSH IS STILL BURNING

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Acts 7:20-35 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Median, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Moses knew at a young age that he was different and that God had a plan for his life but the day came when he tried to pass that knowledge on to others and he was rejected and so he fled to the back side of the desert. All of his zeal, enthusiasm and excitement, drained away. Moses spent 40 years being a shepherd and the Bible says that he was content. Content to do what he wanted to do instead of doing what God called him to do.

God help us to never settle anywhere where God doesn't want us. We must not be satisfied with just sitting on a seat, going through the motions of church when God has called us to do great and mighty things for Him and His kingdom.

When God first called us and filled us with His Spirit, there was a fire burning hot inside of us. But if we're not careful, life and circumstances and time and people can cause us to walk away from the calling and place where God wants us to be. We must not allow that to happen. We must keep the fire burning. We must be obedient to the things that God has called us to do.

The bush is still burning. Is it burning hot in you?