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COME TO THE FIRE

The Beauty of Fire

April 28, 2019

Exodus 3:1-6

1. God will often light a fire in our daily routine.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law...

Exodus 3:1

2. God can create something exceptional in the midst of the normal.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Exodus 3:2

3. Be curious about the fire of God in your life.

So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight- why the bush does not burn up."

Exodus 3:3

4. Learn to recognize God when he reveals himself.

"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.

Exodus 3:6

Action

Meditate on these questions:

Have you ever noticed God in your daily routine?

Practice mindfulness this week. Take notes when you think you see God moving in the normal parts of your day.

When you notice God moving, try to determine what he is doing, or why.

Answers 1.light 2.normal 3.fire 4. Recognize

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** **Psalm 16:11**
- **Tuesday** **Exodus 33:14**
- **Wednesday** **Genesis 3:8**
- **Thursday** **Jeremiah 29:13**
- **Friday** **Psalm 139:7**
- **Saturday** **Psalm 27:4**

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Hebrews 4:12

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Follow The Fire

May 5, 2019.

Exodus 13:20-22

1. We look for safety in transition and crisis.

After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert.

Exodus 13:20

2. God wants to be the point of guidance when we move...

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way...

Exodus 13:21

3. ...and a point of confidence in the darkness.

...and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so they could travel by day or by night.

Exodus 13:21

4. God doesn't move-He is faithful.

Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 13:22

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Action

Meditate on these questions:

How do you respond to transition and crisis in your life?

How have you sought God in these times? Who do you seek out if not God?

When you notice God moving, try to determine what he is doing, or why.

Answers 1.safety 2.guidance 3.confidence 4.faithful

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** **2 Timothy 2:13**
- **Tuesday** **Deuteronomy 7:9**
- **Wednesday** **2 Thessalonians 3:3**
- **Thursday** **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- **Friday** **1 John 1:9**
- **Saturday** **Psalms 33:4**

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Fireproof

May 12, 2019.

Daniel 3

1. There will be days when what we believe about God is challenged.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.” **Daniel 3:5-6**

2. Conviction about who God is will guide our action.

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not... **Daniel 3:17-18**

3. Jesus meets us in the midst of our greatest fires.

“Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

Daniel 3:25

4. Our faith during struggle can spark faith in others.

Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ...They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. **Daniel 3:28**

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Action

Meditate on these questions:

When have your beliefs about God been challenged?

How have your beliefs in God guided your actions in the past?

Have you ever encountered the love, protection, joy of Jesus in the midst of a deep struggle? What was it like?

Whose faith has inspired you?

Answers 1.challenged 2.guide 3.meets 4. struggle

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** **Psalm 46:1-3**
- **Tuesday** **Proverbs 18:10**
- **Wednesday** **Nehemiah 8:10**
- **Thursday** **Exodus 15:2**
- **Friday** **Isaiah 26:3-4**
- **Saturday** **Psalm 32:7-8**

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Firelight

May 19, 2019.

Luke 8:16-18

1. Light is meant to be _____ but often we hide it.
No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. **Luke 8:16**
2. God brought the message in the _____.
For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out in the open. **Luke 8:17**
3. God calls us to listen with _____ and curiosity.
Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them. **Luke 8:18**
4. Light is meant to be used and _____, especially when those round us need the light.

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Action

Meditate on these questions:

How open are you with other people about your faith in God?

Why do we shy away from sharing openly what we believe? What are the reservations we have?

When you seek out teaching, are you looking to be challenged or just satisfied?

How can you subtly share your faith with another person this week?

Answers 1.used 2.open 3.humility 4. shared

Study

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- **Monday** **1 Peter 3:15**
- **Tuesday** **Romans 1:12**
- **Wednesday** **2 Timothy 1:8**
- **Thursday** **Colossians 4:5-6**
- **Friday** **Matthew 28:16-20**
- **Saturday** **John 15:16**

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