

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH (EXODUS 3)

One day Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep and going about his mundane routine. On that day, something caught Moses' eye and made him curious. It was a blazing bush, and it was not consumed. "Moses turned aside to get a better look at this great sight," and at that moment, he encountered God. Moses was standing on Holy Ground.

Moses converses with God and learns that God was "the God of his father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." After God was revealed, God called Moses to be a representative to God's people and to the Egyptians. Moses was given the task of a diplomat to discuss the terms and conditions of the release of God's people who were oppressed by the Egyptians. Moses reacted by pointing out to God that he was not the man for the job, and he kept making excuses about his inadequacy. God promised to be present with Moses. Moses was not going to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt by himself; God was going to help him through it all.

Commentator Terence E. Fretheim states, "The ground on which Moses was standing was not already Holy, it became Holy because of the presence of God." As followers of Jesus Christ, we can be standing on Holy Ground every day if we choose to enter into an intimate time with God. We can be present on Holy Ground because God has already invited us. When we come into a time of silence and prayer on Holy Ground, we can start to see the heart of God. God wants to liberate us from fear, from the oppressions of sins and darkness, and God wants us to know that we are loved.

When we stand on Holy Ground, God can call us and equip us to do unfathomable tasks. God may call us just as Moses was called, to be a voice to those who have no voice, to spread the hope of Christ to the hopeless, to care for the widows and orphans or to love our neighbors as ourselves.

How would you respond to the call, especially when the task might seem daunting? We may present numerous excuses as to why we are not qualified for the task. But, as God reminded Moses, we are not doing this by ourselves. God promised to be present with us.