

## SUNDAY, MARCH 11

### HOLY GROUND AND HOLY GOD

Listen to *God Speaking* by Mandisa:

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZI2gOBvBhk>**

In the chorus we hear this question: Who knows how he'll get ahold of us? Get our attention to prove he is enough? He'll do and he'll use whatever he wants to, to tell us "I love you." What if the places in our lives that we would normally ignore could be God speaking moments? Would that be holy ground? Absolutely! What does that mean for us?

God can be revealed in every moment of every day if we are willing to experience it. Any place where we are can be holy ground if we encounter God in that place. A walk through a local park, admiring the changing foliage. A chance conversation with a perfect stranger. Even a "found rock" that's been placed by a child. As you consider the reality of holy ground, take 15 minutes today to sit in an absolutely normal and everyday location. Be still and wait for God. Allow God to speak to you in that place and experience holy ground.

As you learn to listen to "God Speaking," in the tradition of the Quakers, pay attention to what you notice. Honor what you are drawn to, and press into the unanticipated revelation of God's presence right there. Celebrate his uniqueness in the uniform ant colony, or the variety of sizes and shapes of trees. Close your eyes and hear the multitude of sounds and celebrate the gift of hearing your community. Or consider returning to a particularly memorable place in your journey. Pile some small stones there, much like Joshua or Jacob. Acknowledge where the regular and revered have intersected. Honor the space where your heart was strangely warmed by the unseen presence of God.

As you continue towards Holy Week, open yourself up more and more to the miraculous in the mundane. Look for God in the normal places, the unexpected places. God is ever present; be encouraged by that truth.