

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO USE HIS PEOPLE DESPITE THEIR SINS AND WEAKNESSES.

Chosen for a Promise

One day Moses was taking care of some sheep for his wife's father when he came to the mountain where they gave sacrifices to God. He noticed the craziest thing . . . there was a bush on fire. Except it wasn't like a normal bush fire because even though it was on fire, it wasn't burning up. Moses was staring in amazement when a voice spoke out of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" IMMEDIATELY Moses knew it was the voice of God. God spoke to him again and said, "Take your sandals off, and do not come closer because the ground you are standing on is holy."

Moses did as God told him and hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then God spoke again and told Moses that He had seen how God's people were being treated in Egypt. They had been crying out in prayer for God to help them and to save them from the suffering of being slaves. God told Moses it was time to answer those prayers, to bring His people out of Egypt. God would move them toward the land He had promised Abraham that His people would have one day. This land would be flowing with milk and honey and would be a place where no one would punish them for being God's people.

God told Moses to go back to Egypt and tell God's people what He had said. Moses immediately thought that was a crazy idea. How would he prove that it was really God who sent him? God told him to say it was, "I Am, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" who sent Moses. Moses still didn't think the people would believe that he had a message from God.

