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Go Over And See

Check it out. Stop and take notice. Go over and see. What are you talking about? **I'm talking about my activity in your life. I'm trying to get your attention. You are always on the go. You are so very busy. The noise and busyness of life is your enemy.** How could that be? **I want to speak into your life. I have things that I want to say to you. I have much that I want to show you. The noise and busyness of life will make you deaf and blind to me. Can you see how noise and busyness really are your enemies?** Yes, now I understand. **It is not enough to simply understand your enemies. You must be willing to do battle with them. You must learn to defeat them.**

How can I defeat the noise and busyness of life? **That is a very good question. Let me ask you a couple different questions first.** Go ahead I'm listening. **What will you miss out on if you let the noise of life make you deaf to me? What will happen to you if you can't hear me speaking to you?** If I can't hear you then you won't be able to speak into my life. If I'm not listening to you, I won't receive any of your guidance and direction. I will have no idea of where you want me to go. I will have no idea of what you want me to do. I will be like a ship without a rudder or a sail without the wind. There will be no direction or power in my life. I won't be able to know your will. I won't be able to accomplish purposes and plans for my life. **No, you will not. What will happen to you if you allow the busyness of life to make you blind to what I want to show you?** If I am blind to what you want to show me I will never learn from what you are doing in the world all around me. All your wisdom and instruction will be like a book unread. I will have left it unnoticed and untouched. I will have raced right on by what is of eternal value to pursue what will ultimately amount to nothing. I won't have allowed you to use my life. I won't have been able to bear fruit for your kingdom or bring glory to your name. **No, you will not. Do you want to defeat the noise and busyness of life? Do you want to hear from me? Do you want to see and learn from what I am doing?** Yes Lord, I want to defeat the noise and busyness of life. **Then draw near to me and I will draw near to you. Set a time and a place to meet with me. In our times together you will hear from me. In our times together you will see what I want to show you. Then you will defeat the noise and busyness of life.**

Lord, I know there have been times when I have been so busy that I failed to notice what you wanted to show me. I haven't stopped to turn aside to allow you to speak into my life. I'm here now. I'm ready to listen. Speak to me. Guide the course of my life. Amen

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"This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. "Do not come any closer," the LORD warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

NLT

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Knowing God*God Called To Him*

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

NRSV

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AMP

Exodus 3:3-6

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NKJV

Exodus 3:3-6

Knowing God*God Called To Him*

Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?" GOD saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He said, "Yes? I'm right here!" God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, afraid to look at God.

MSG

Exodus 3:3-6

Knowing God*God Told Him*

he went over to investigate. Then God called out to him, "Moses! Moses!" "Who is it?" Moses asked. "Don't come any closer," God told him. "Take off your shoes, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (Moses covered his face with his hands, for he was afraid to look at God.)

TLB

Exodus 3:3-6

Knowing God*God Called To Him*

So he said, "I will go closer to this strange thing. How can a bush continue burning without burning up?" When the LORD saw Moses was coming to look at the bush, God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

NCV

Exodus 3:3-6

God Called To Him

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Knowing God – Exodus 3:3-6

In Context: Read Exodus 3

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been too busy to take notice of the activity of God around you?

What might you miss if you don't stop to consider what God is doing in your life?

How has God gotten your attention so that He could speak into your life?

When has God gotten your attention and changed the course of your life?

What time and place have you set aside to meet with God so you can hear from Him?

Why will God often give you an assignment that is beyond your gifts, talents, and abilities?

How have you come to know God better in and through doing the overwhelming assignments He has given to you?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Be watching for how God wants to get your attention so He can speak into your life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will get your attention and speak to you so He can guide the course of your life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God has gotten your attention so He could speak into your life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you turn aside to meet with the Lord so that He can guide the course of your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will turn aside to meet with you so that you can guide the course of my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to say to me as I turn aside to meet with you?
