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Exodus 3:2-4 (NIV)

Stop And Take Notice

Are you watching intently? Are you waiting patiently? Are you looking expectantly? Will you stop and take notice? Will you go over to see what I want to show you? Your questions are rocking my world. You have definitely gotten my attention. **How so?** I'm wondering if I have been too busy. Have I been unaware? Have I been so consumed by the tasks at hand that I have not been watching and waiting and expectantly looking for your activity in the world around me? Have I been self-absorbed? Have I not been looking up or around to see what you wanted to show me? Have I not been listening? If I need to ask these questions, then the answers are obvious. Help me Lord, to see what you want me to see. Help me Lord, to hear what you want me to hear. Help me Lord, to do what you want me to do. **Those are all good prayers.**

How will be ready to watch intently and wait patiently and looking expectantly for my activity in the world all around you? How will you hear what I want you to hear? How will you see what I want you to see? How you know to go where I send you? How will know to do what I ask of you? You're asking me those questions? **Yes, I am.** Those are questions that I want to ask you. Without your help, I will not see. Without your help, I will not hear. Without your help, I will not know where to go or what to do for you. **That's true.** So, I will hear and see because I will come to rely on you. So, I will know where to go and what to do because I will wait for your instructions and follow your guidance. I will rely on you to make me able to go and do all that you ask of me. I will not run ahead. I will not lag behind. I will not turn to the right or to the left. I will follow you. That is how I will hear and see all that you want to show me. That is how you will make me able to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. **That's right.** **Will you rely on my help?** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, I will not be distracted. I will not be preoccupied. I will not be unaware. I will be looking and watching and waiting expectantly to see your activity. I will stop what I'm doing. I will go over to see whatever you want to show me. I will listen attentively to you. Amen

Prayer*I Will Go Over*

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NIV

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Will Turn Aside*

And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

ESV

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Must Go See It*

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "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.

NLT

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Will Now Turn Aside*

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

NKJV

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Must Turn Aside*

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 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."

NRSV

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*What's Going On There*

The angel of GOD appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up. 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!"

MSG

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Will Now Turn Aside*

The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I.

AMP

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*He Went Over To Investigate*

suddenly the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him as a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw that the bush was on fire and that it didn't burn up, he went over to investigate. Then God called out to him, "Moses! Moses!" "Who is it?" Moses asked.

TLB

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Must Turn Aside Now*

The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

NASB

Exodus 3:2-4

Prayer*I Will Go Closer*

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. 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."

NCV

Exodus 3:2-4

I Will Go Over

Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – Exodus 3:2-4

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?)***

Lord, I will not be distracted. I will not be preoccupied. I will not be unaware. I will be looking and watching and waiting expectantly to see your activity. I will stop what I’m doing. I will go over to see whatever you want to show me. I will listen attentively to you. Amen

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

When have you been too busy, preoccupied and distracted to notice the Lord’s activity in your life?

How has the Lord gotten your attention so that you could see what He wanted to show you?

When has the Lord clearly given you a mission that He wanted you to accomplish?

How well prepared are you to say yes to whatever mission the Lord gives to you?

Why will the Lord often give you a mission that is far beyond your natural ability to accomplish?

How has the largeness of your God given mission caused you to come to rely on Him?

How has the Lord born fruit through your life because you accepted the mission He gave to you?

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

Take time to stop and go over to take notice of the Lord’s activity in your life?

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

Have faith that the Lord will get your attention and cause you to go over to see what He wants to show you.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are waiting and watching for the Lord’s activity in 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 to take notice of what the Lord wants to show you.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will turn to take notice of what you want to show me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I turn to take notice of what you want to show me today?
