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Turn Aside

*That does not come naturally to me. That is not something I am in the regular habit of doing. **What does no come naturally to you? What are you not in the regular habit of doing?** I do not naturally or regularly, set aside what I am doing, to turn aside to notice your activity in my life. More often than not, I am too busy. I am engaged in the activities of life. I am focused on the task at hand. I am preoccupied and distracted by what lies just before me. **That is not good.** Yes, I know.*

What would you like to do differently? What changes will you make in your life so that you can hear from me?** I will make hearing from you the priority of my life. I will focus my heart and mind and life on you. I will be watchful and attentive to your activity in my life. **How will this be possible? What will assure that this will be true of your life?** I will set aside a daily time and place where we can meet together. I will meet with you in prayer. I will meet with you in worship. I will meet with you in your word. I will live in an intimate relationship with you. I will walk through life with you. I will allow you to develop within me the heart of a listener. **That will be very good. What do you expect to hear and see from me?** I expect that you will lead me to where you want me to go. I expect that you will give me what you want me to do. Beyond that, I can hardly predict what you might say to me. Your words will certainly guard me. Your words will certainly teach and train me. Living in an intimate relationship with you will certainly make me fruitful for your kingdom and make me able to bring glory to your name. So, I will be watching and listening with great expectation and anticipation. It will be my joy to turn aside to be watchful and attentive to your activity in my life. I will listen to you. **Be sure of this, I will certainly speak to you as you turn aside to listen to me.** Thank you, Lord. That I will do. **That will be very good.

Lord, I will not be preoccupied and distracted. I will be watchful and attentive to your activity in my life. I will turn aside to listen to you. You have my full attention. I will listen to you. Refocus and redirect my life. Lead to where to go. Give me what to do. Amen

The Sacramental Life*I Will Go Over*

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

NIV

Exodus 3:2-4

The Sacramental Life*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

The Sacramental Life*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

The Sacramental Life*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

The Sacramental Life*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

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ESV

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NKJV

Exodus 3:2-4

The Sacramental Life*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

The Sacramental Life*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

The Sacramental Life*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 Turn Aside

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Sacramental Life – 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 preoccupied and distracted. I will be watchful and attentive to your activity in my life. I will turn aside to listen to you. You have my full attention. I will listen to you. Refocus and redirect my life. Lead to where to go. Give me what to do. Amen

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

What has God used to break through to you so He could get your attention?

Why is it easy to be so preoccupied and distracted that you fail to recognize God's activity in your life?

How are you making sure to be watchful and attentive to God's activity in your life?

When are you taking time to turn aside from the activity of your life to listen to God?

How has God spoken to you as you have turned to listen to Him?

How has God refocused and redirected your life as you have turned aside to listen to Him?

What new assignment has God given you to go and do for Him?

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

Make it your regular pattern and practice to turn aside to listen to God.

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

Have faith that God will speak to you as you turn aside to listen to Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are turning aside to listen to God.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

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 be watchful and attentive to God's activity in your life.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will turn aside to be watchful and attentive to your activity in 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 listen to you?
