



A few weeks ago, we began our study of the Book of Exodus, which gives us an up-close look at the glory of God. So far, we've seen the intense burden the people of Israel experienced from Pharaoh, and we've learned of Moses' birth and upbringing. In addition to observing his early years, we saw Moses kill an Egyptian and flee to Midian. In Midian, Moses married Zipporah. Chapter 2 ended with God's people groaning and crying out to Him for help. Thankfully, God heard, remembered His covenant, saw, and made Himself known to His people. How did God make Himself known to Israel? We're about to find out.

**Key Passage:** Exodus 3

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Elisabeth Elliott once wrote of Amy Carmichael, "Amy Carmichael's great longing was to have a 'single eye' for the glory of God. Whatever might blur the vision God had given her of His work, whatever could distract or deceive or tempt others to seek anything other than the Lord Jesus Himself, she tried to eliminate."
  - a. What does it mean to live with a "single eye" for the glory of God?
  - b. What would this look like in your life?
  - c. How are we tempted to be distracted from living with this singular focus?
2. Scholars point out that the place where Moses is tending his father-in-law's flock, near Mount Horeb, is most likely pretty far from Midian. Moses, on the lookout for good grass for the flock, was going about his usual day in this place far from home.
  - a. What do these details say about how God sometimes works in our lives?
  - b. Why do you think God chose to show up in Moses' life through a burning bush?
  - c. Why, at times, does God take us to an unfamiliar situation or place to get our attention?
3. According to Acts 7:30, it had been forty years since Moses fled Egypt and landed in Midian. At this point, Moses finds himself figuratively and literally far from home.
  - a. When you consider Moses' upbringing and how his life story evolved to this point, what do you think he might have thought about the trajectory of his life?
  - b. What does the timing of God's activity in Moses' life teach us about God's provenience in ours?
  - c. Have you ever had a time of waiting that felt like 40 years? How could the timeline of God's activity in Moses' life encourage us as we wait for God to work in ours?
4. What stands out to you about the burning bush encounter? How did Moses respond to this "glory" moment? What parallels do you see between this moment and Isaiah 6:1-8? God is always at work around you. How can slowing down to recognize glimpses of God's glory encourage your faith?