

SERMON TITLE: “PEOPLE OF THE PRESENCE”

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Key Bible Verses: Exodus 3:1-15; Jeremiah 20 :9; Colossians 1:22

SUMMARY

Life is short, and sometimes seems long; we have happy, hard days, and holy days. We go through different seasons of life.

Moses had **three** different **seasons of 40 days**:

Season 1 - Prince of Egypt

- Moses learned who God is; he got to know the people of God; he got to know he was “special,” a Kingdom’s son, that there was a call on his life. He had a passion for God but reacted in the wrong way, in his flesh (killed an Egyptian).

Season 2 - Shepherd in Midian

- Like David he started as a shepherd; he had to learn how to take care of sheep before he could lead the people of Israel. God starts with the “little things.”
- Like sheep we wander; we need community (Isaiah 53:6)
- He was circling Mount Sinai, the Mountain of God; was walking around so close to the fire but not yet in his calling.
- You can miss the holy fire; miss what God would say to you, miss the assignment.

Season 3 – Moses Leader of Israel

- Found in the Book Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy and first chapter of Joshua.
- You are just a “step” away from the fire of God that will change you.

Is your “fire” for God a “real fire”? For God is an “all-consuming fire.” (Isaiah 33:14)

“Do you have a “fireplace” relationship with God, where there is no danger and no calling on your life?

How do you get a “real fire” relationship with God?

- Draw close and lean in to the “real fire” (fire means purification, judgment, presence of God, and testing in trials)

- Sometimes you can go through a period of obscurity when you haven't felt the presence of God for a long time.
- Jeremiah 20:9 – "his Word burns in my heart like a fire"

What is the Posture or Stance (take in as much as you can) we need, when coming in the Presence of God?

1) Lean into the Word, voice of God, presence of God – "here I am" – if we draw close to Him he will draw near to us (James 4:8)

2) Moses stood in God's presence with humility and reverence

- Come boldly into His presence. We are only holy because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross.
- Stand in "awe."
- Exodus 3:10 "God who am I" (Exodus 3: 10)

3) Moses covered his face – because he knew to whom he was speaking

- God is calling you out of the obscurity and sin, and into your assignment.
- Pray "Lord show me Your Glory!," so you can operate out of His power.
- "I am" is with us! (Exodus 3:14)

God knows you are insufficient, inadequate, incapable, and not enough. **Jesus is "enough"!** He is the Bread of Life, the Resurrection, and the Life, the Way, the Truth and the Light, the Door, and the Vine

God is our strength when we don't have enough strength. You don't have to go by yourself.

"The call of God is coming on your life!"

Questions:

#1 When was the last time you heard the voice of God speaking to you? What did you learn?

2 When was the last time you had a "holy encounter" with God, that the awe of God was like "fire", so that all you could do was "stand" in His presence?

#3 What assignment (call on your life) did you sense God was calling "you into" during your "holy encounter" with Him?

#4 How would you change your "posture" or "stance", so you could experience more of His "consuming fire"?

Prayers: pray for each other – special requests

