



When You Have To Listen

April 26, 2020

OPENING PRAYER:

From all our lives' pathways, you have called us to this place, O Lord. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Guide our steps and guard our lives that we may serve you more effectively in this broken world. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

After 40 years of living at the palace, Moses had to flee and become a fugitive in the desert because of one moment's hot-blooded blunder. What is something that you regret and what would you go back and change? How can you take that to God to seek forgiveness and lay down that baggage?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

So much has led to this moment as Moses approaches God on the Holy Mountain. Read Exodus 3:1-17

- God instructs Moses to take off his sandals as he approaches God. Removing shoes when entering a holy place of divine presence and honoring the holiness of the ground is an ancient practice. How do you honor God's presence? In this time of sheltering in place, what could you do that is unique to place God into the equation?
- God was concerned about the suffering of the Israelites. Where do you see the suffering and pain of your neighbors in your community?
- God uses the people around us in special ways to grab our attention. Have you experienced any help and support from your fellow believers that helped you to overcome the adversity in your life?

NEXT STEPS:

- Has God ever called you to or put you in a situation outside of your comfort zone? How can you apply that memory to what you may be encountering now?
- What are common excuses that we might give God if we don't want to do something? Where are you giving an excuse these days? Take those to God in prayer and ask how God wants you to move forward?
- How can you spend time with God so that you don't lose your direction?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

God was revealed and spoke to Moses in a mysterious and unexpected way: a burning bush. The God of the burning bush is waiting, even now, to encounter us, call us, challenge us and change us. Let us be open to God's surprises.

God, you promised to be with Moses, and we are here to witness the fulfillment of that promise. Just as you were the God of Israel from generation to generation, we trust you are also the God of (your community's name). As we go out, help us to be sustained and surprised by the love of God. Amen



WHAT TO DO

When You Don't Know What To Do