

There is a Way Out!

Part #3 – **“Burning Bushes and Second Chances”**

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“Before God leads the Hebrew people out, he first raises a leader up!”

Text: Exodus 3:1-10

1. **God takes notice of our suffering ...**
(Exodus 3:7-9)

- I have indeed seen ...
- I have heard them crying ...
- I am concerned about their suffering ...
- I have come down to rescue them ...
- Their cry has reached me ...
- I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them ...

<u>Truth</u>	<u>Deception</u>
God is moved by human pain	God is unmoved and even delights in human pain
God is concerned with social justice	Social justice is NOT spiritual activity
God is closer than we think	God is removed and distant

2. **God meets us in burning bushes and gives us second chances**
(Exodus 3:1-6)

→ He comes and meets us in our daily experience of life. Every place ‘can be’ sacred.

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- He invites us to remove whatever separates us from him.
- He validates us by calling us by name.
- He warns us not to come too close.

“Familiarity breeds contempt.”
Joshua 3

3. **God wants to enlist us in helping others find their way out**
(Exodus 3:10)

→ God’s redemptive program in this world involves people. (The object and the means)

→ God has a specific program for us that is consistent with how he has wired us and gifted us, but it’s not dependant on us.

→ God has given us what we need to carry out his work. (What is in our hand?)

Next week: “Flimsy Excuses!”