

# Becoming His People Means: Responding to His Call

Exodus 3:1-15



**Moses at 40**



And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. - Acts 7:22

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One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

- Exodus 2:11-12

He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." - Exodus 2:14



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Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

- Exodus 3:1

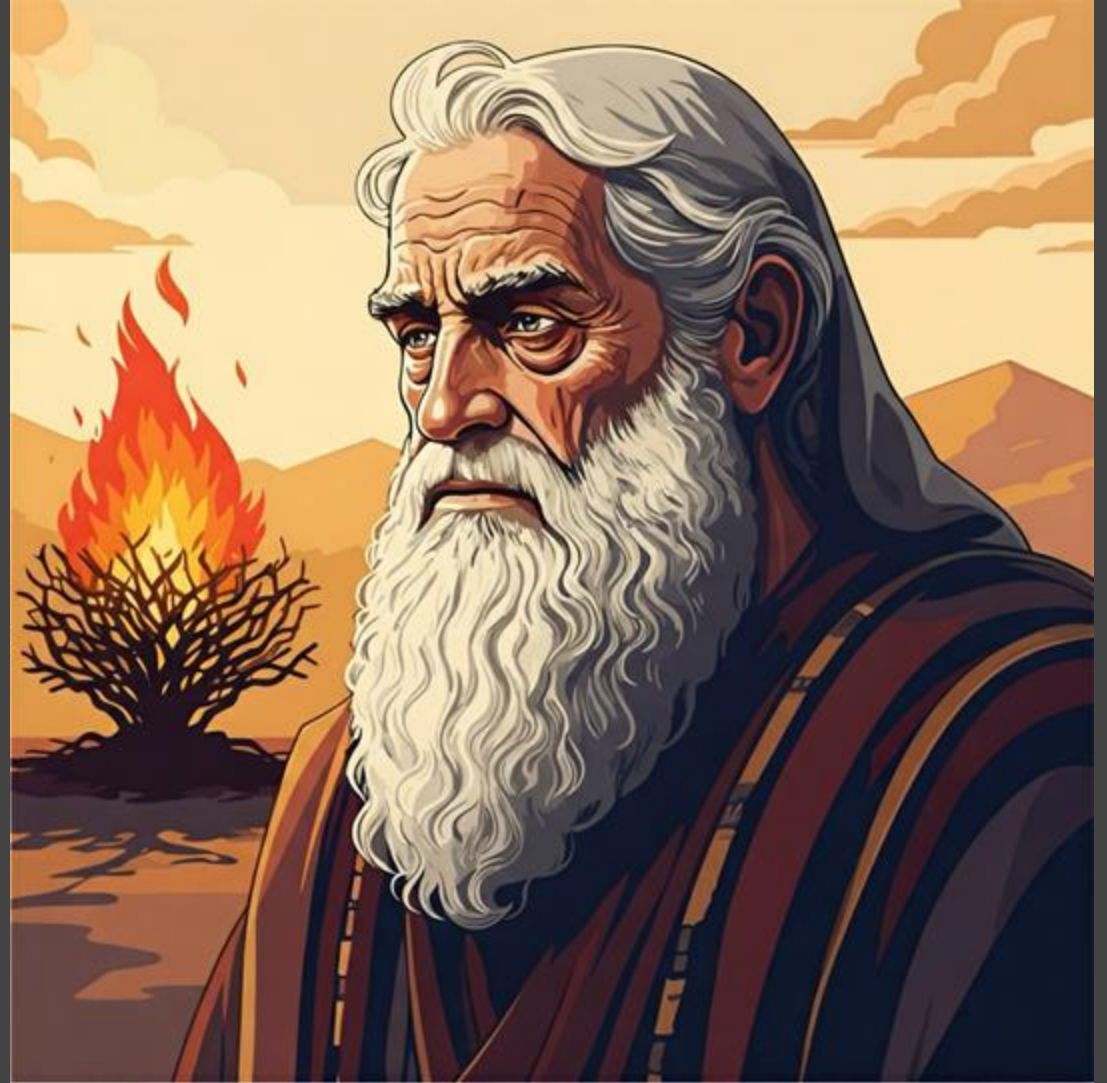
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**Moses at 80**

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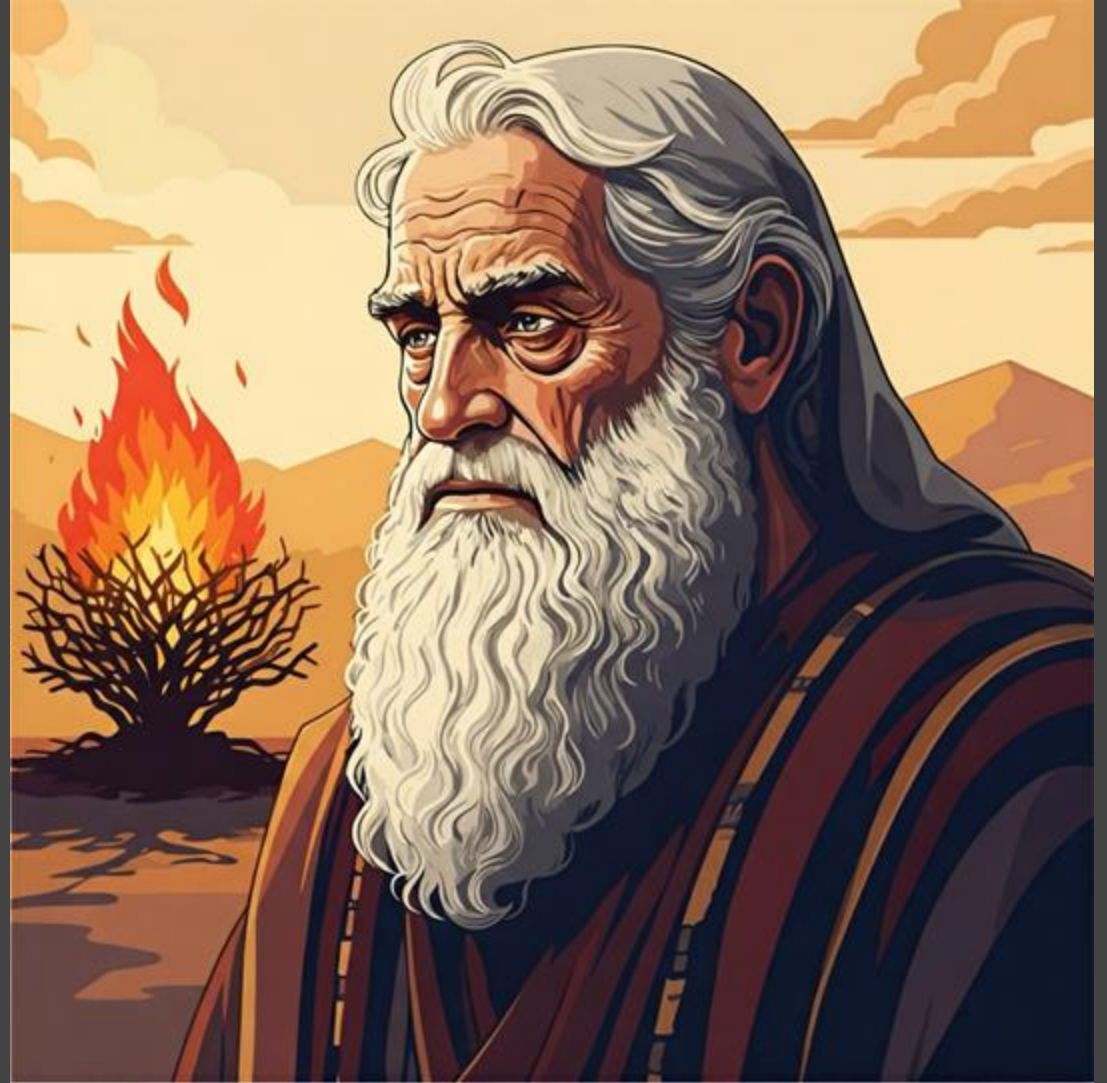
But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

- Exodus 3:11





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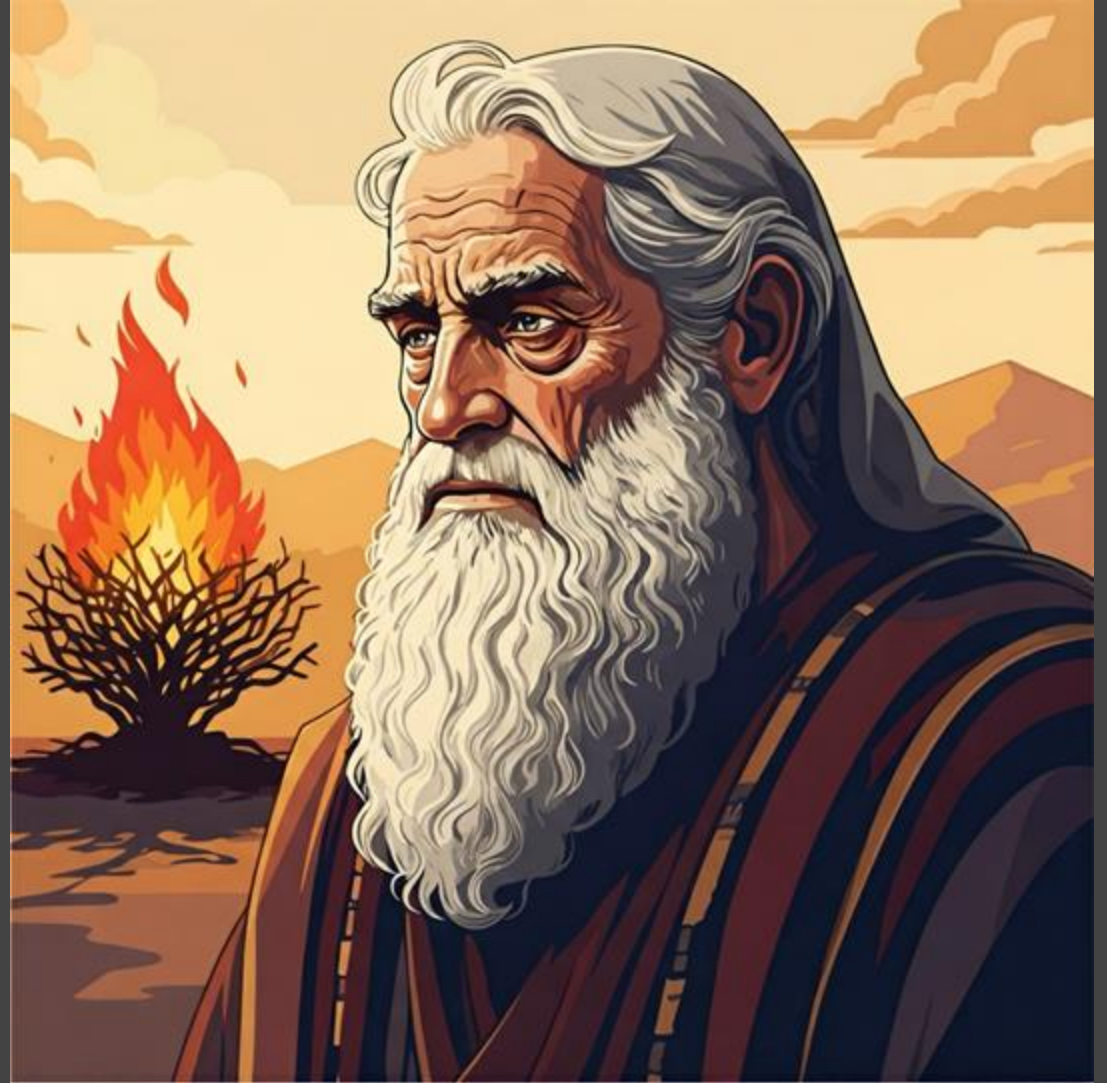
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And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” - Exodus 3:3

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**Inadequacy** - "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" (Exodus 3:11)

**Lack of Credibility** - "What shall I say to them?" (Exodus 3:13)

**Fear of Rejection** - "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice?" (Exodus 4:1)

**Poor Communication Skills** - "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent... I am slow of speech and tongue." (Exodus 4:10)

**Avoid Responsibility** - "Please, Lord, send someone else." (Exodus 4:13)

“But I will be with you” - Exodus 3:12a

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