

Chapter 4

The Journey to the Promised Land Begins: The Exodus and the Sinai Covenant

Called to Prayer

The angel of the Lord appeared to him [Moses] as fire flaming out of a bush. When he looked, although the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed. So Moses decided, “I must turn aside to look at this remarkable sight. Why does the bush not burn up?” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to look, God called out to him from the bush: Moses! Moses! He answered, “Here I am.” God said: Do not come near! Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he continued, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

—Exodus 3:2-6

- *Reflection:* Moses heard the voice of God calling out to him, identifying himself as the God of his forefathers. How has God revealed himself to you this week?
- *Meditation:* Read this passage again slowly. Place yourself with Moses, who hid his face in God’s presence. What would your reaction be? How would you respond?

Resolution: Reflect on your prayer life sometime this week and journal answering the question, “Does prayer lead you to encounter God as the three Persons of the Holy Trinity?”