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# DAY ONE

READ: EXODUS 3:1-6

I wonder how many others walked by the burning bush, unaware. I wonder how many times we wander around our own personal deserts, feeling sorry for ourselves, afraid, or ashamed, unaware of the divine things happening all around us. What if we could just wake up to the realities of heaven like Moses did? While Scripture outlines the boundaries of what revelation looks like, what if we had our own revelation?

I like what theological ethicist H. Richard Niebuhr says, "The greatest Christian revolutions come not by the discovery of something that was not known before. They happen when somebody takes radically to something that was already there." This is what happened for Moses, and I think this is what can happen for us, if we're willing and ready to turn and see how the bush is always burning and the ground is always sacred. Turn and see. It sounds simple enough, and it is.

After Moses turned aside and became an answer, through God's providence, to the cries of injustice, he was asked to take what was in his hand and surrender it to God. What was in his hand? His staff. The staff in Moses' hand would serve as a reminder that under the watchful eye of the Creator nothing is ordinary.

Whether it's a loaf of barley bread that tramples the tents of Midian or a young boy's sack lunch in the hands of Jesus, nothing is ordinary when God is there. Likewise, no person is ordinary. The common things, like a simple bush in Moses' path and a shepherd's staff in his hand or, in our lives, things like an interruption or random encounter with someone can lure us to turn aside. And when we do, we will find ourselves standing on ground we thought was scarce only to realize that God's scarcity becomes sacred when He speaks.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Think about some of the most important decisions and radical turning points of your life.
2. Then take a few moments and see if you can identify God's direction or intervention in those situations.
3. Finally, spend some time in prayer asking God to help you recognize His direction and to give you the strength to act in those sacred moments.

## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Please tweet or post the following, "Nothing is ordinary when God is there." #thehumanright

## SOURCE

To further explore the importance of each moment, read *The Bush Always Burns* by Heath Adamson. Available from My Healthy Church.

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