

Moses had experienced a difficult 40 years. A life that had begun with such great promise as a prince of Egypt and the hope of saving his people from generations of slavery had deteriorated into goat herding in the land of Midian. Things had not gone well to say the least. Fear and failure were the only mark left on his life. That is, until a miracle, God speaking to Moses from a bush that burned, yet did not burn. As Moses hears the voice of God, even argues a little, a renewed call is given, and nothing would be the same.

When God says, "I am," what do you think this means? Why does Moses argue with God? Is the miracle the burning bush or God's call?

Stop for a moment, glance at the miracle of the burning bush and listen to God's call on your life.

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Forty more years had passed, and the young, upcoming nation was now on the cusp of entering the Promised Land. They had learned, grown and changed and now were ready to conquer the land of Canaan, a land that would soon be theirs just as God had promised centuries before. But to enter the land, they had to cross the Jordan River at flood stage. This was impossible. Could it be after all they had already been through — hundreds of years as nomads, 400 years in slavery and then 40 more years wandering in the wilderness — that this small river would stand in between them and the land of promise?

Is there anything between you and God's will that needs a miracle to part?

How is the courage to step into the water before it parts an important act of faith and trust in God?

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The Red Sea has been parted, 40 years of wandering in the wilderness was now in the past and the people of God had entered the Promised Land; now Jericho stood in their way. This city was at the crossroads that opened up the land of Canaan, a route through the mountains. It had to be conquered. But these wandering nomads becoming a nation had no way to bridge the huge stone walls that stood between them and the city. Without a way in, the last 500 years of struggle would be for naught. But a miracle was soon to happen, the walls of Jericho would come down, and the door to the Promised Land would open.

Why did God ask them to march around the city seven times before a miracle was granted?

Do you think that a growing relationship with God might be more important than the miracle itself?

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Israel was experiencing a severe draught. In a farming and herding culture such as theirs, there were few things to fear more than this. People were starving. Elijah, a prophet of God, crosses paths with a widow and her son. The famine had made life tough enough, but to be a widow with a small son to support, life could get no tougher. She was on the edge. But even then her generous nature encouraged her to grant Elijah's request for a small meal, the last food she had. A miracle ensued, a jar of olive oil and a bowl of flour from which she made the meal for God's prophet became bottomless until the draught in the land ended, just as "the word of the Lord" promised.

God's word to you: "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

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