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“Lessons from the Burning Bush”

“荊棘火中學功課”

(Exodus 出埃及記 3:1-17)

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Moses' Relationship with God

“The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.”

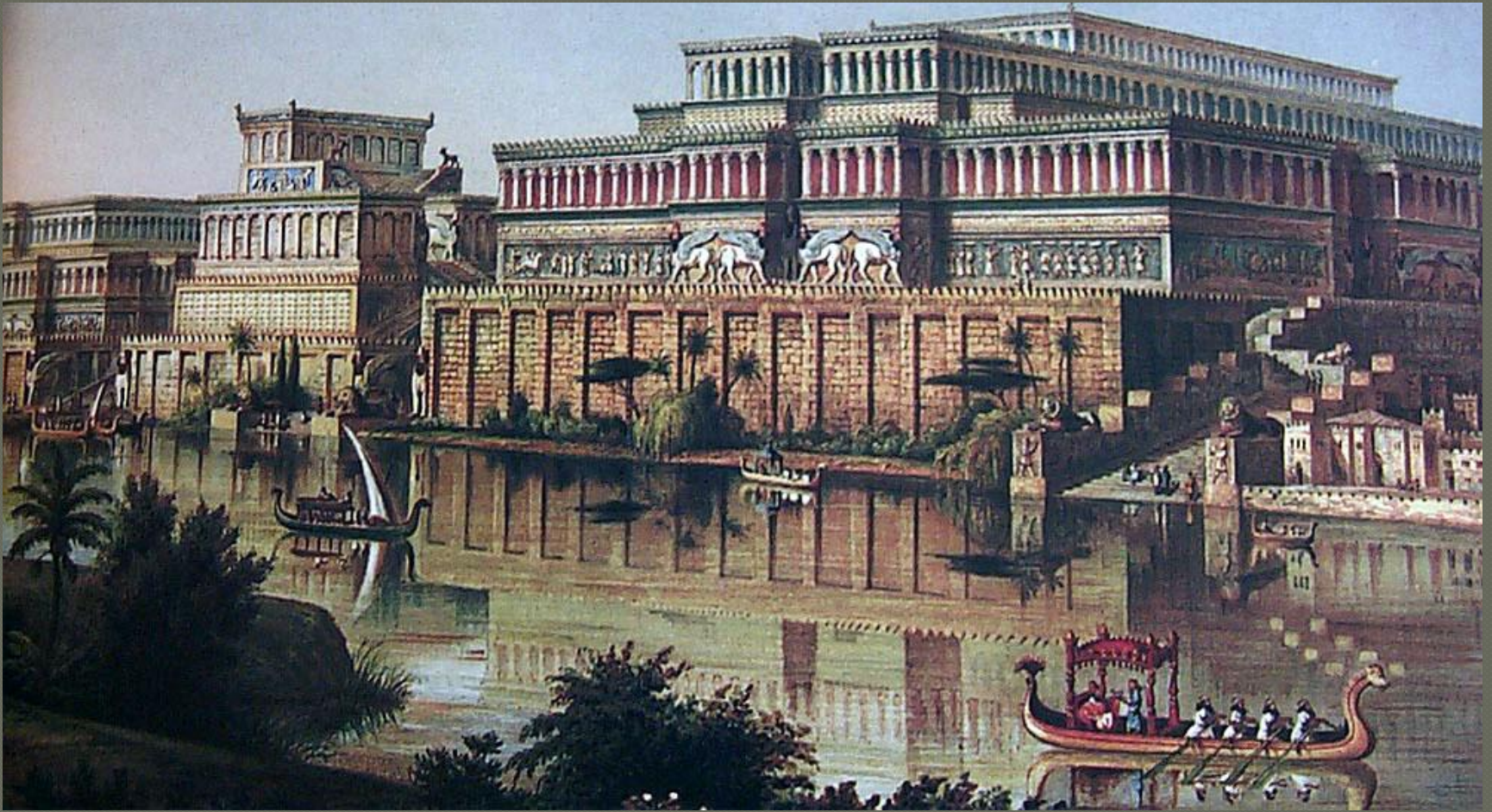
(Exodus 33:11) 耶和華與摩西面對面說話，好像人與朋友說話一般。

“Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face” (Deut 34:10) 以後以色列中再沒有興起先知像摩西的，他是耶和華面對面所認識的。

Born into Slavery and Genocide



Raised as Royalty



The Murder



11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.

12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

(Exodus 2:11-12)

Fleeing to Midian

13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?”

14 The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.”

(Exodus 2:13-14)



Settling as a Shepherd



Exodus 3:1-6 (ESV)

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. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.



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What are your burning bush moments?

Exodus 3:7-12 (ESV)

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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1. God often initiates with us, and responds directly to our steps of curiosity and investigation
 2. God immediately invites us to be part of his mission, often in ways that don't make sense
 3. As we step out in risk, we build a deeper, more dependent relationship with God. 但, 我們信心的回應, 導致對神更深的信靠.



Questions to Consider

- What are your burning bush moments?
How will you choose to respond with curiosity and investigation?
- How is God calling you into a lifestyle of dependency, into risks that make no sense absent of him?

