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CHAPTER 1: Moses in the Wilderness

After leaving Egypt at night, Moses found himself far from Pharaoh's land, in the wilderness of Midian. This place was very different from Egypt, with its dry hills and rocky ground. Here, Moses started a new life as a shepherd.

Moses' move to Midian was more than just changing where he lived; it changed who he was. Once a prince in Egypt, he now led sheep through the desert. The wilderness taught him patience and strength.

Being a shepherd was hard work. Moses had to watch over his sheep every day, keeping them safe from danger. The sun was hot, and the nights were cold. But this life gave Moses time to think about his past and his future.

The people of Midian lived simply and respected nature. Moses married Zipporah, the daughter of a Midianite priest, and became part of their community. This new life prepared him for what was to come.

As Moses cared for his sheep, he learned about responsibility. This time in the wilderness was getting him ready for a special mission. One day, while tending his flock, Moses saw something amazing—a bush that was on fire but didn't burn up.

This burning bush was a sign of God's presence. It was here that Moses realized he was on holy ground. God spoke to him, calling him to lead his people. The wilderness had prepared Moses for this moment, teaching him to listen and trust.

Moses' journey shows that sometimes we find our purpose in unexpected places. The wilderness was not just a place of exile; it was where Moses learned to be a leader.

CHAPTER 2: Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses was standing barefoot on special ground. In front of him, a bush was on fire, but it wasn't burning up. From the bush, a voice spoke. It was clear and kind. This voice was God's, and it filled the quiet desert with power.

God said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses felt his heart beat faster. This was the same God who had helped his ancestors. God was reminding Moses that He had always been there for His people.

God told Moses that He had seen the suffering of the Israelites in Egypt. They were slaves, and God wanted to help them. He planned to take them to a new land, a good place with plenty of food.

God asked Moses to help free the Israelites. Moses was scared and unsure. He didn't think he was the right person for the job. But God promised, "I will be with you."

Moses asked what he should say if people asked who sent him. God replied, "Tell them 'I AM' sent you." This meant God was always present and powerful.

God showed Moses miracles to prove His power. He turned Moses' staff into a snake and back again. He also made Moses'

hand sick and then healthy. These signs were to help Moses believe and to show others that God was with him.

God also said Moses' brother, Aaron, would help him speak. Together, they would lead the Israelites to freedom.

This story shows that God listens and cares. He calls people to help, even if they feel scared or unsure. Moses learned to trust God and became a leader for his people.

CHAPTER 3: Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses was taking care of sheep when he saw a bush on fire, but it wasn't burning up. A voice spoke to him from the bush. It was God, who told Moses His name and showed that He cared deeply for the people of Israel. They were suffering as slaves in Egypt, and God wanted to help them.

God told Moses, “I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard their cries because of their harsh treatment, and I care about their pain.” This showed that God was not far away or uncaring. He was ready to help and bring relief to His people.

Moses had been worried about whether he was the right person for this job. But God’s words shifted the focus from Moses’ fears to the suffering of the Israelites. God wanted Moses to know that He saw, heard, and would respond to their cries for help.

The Israelites had been slaves for a long time, working hard under Pharaoh’s rule. They wanted freedom and justice. God’s compassion for them never changed, and He planned to rescue them.

When God “sees” and “hears,” it means He is paying attention and ready to act. God’s compassion was not just a feeling; it was

a promise to help. He had made a promise to the ancestors of the Israelites to protect and care for them.

For Moses, this was both comforting and a call to action. He was to help free the Israelites, showing the same compassion God had. Moses would have to face Pharaoh and demand freedom for the Israelites.

God's compassion was powerful. It was stronger than the Egyptians' power. God's love and justice would bring freedom and hope to the Israelites.

God's compassion was also personal. He listened to each person's cries and cared for them individually. This showed the close relationship between God and His people.

God's mission was to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. His compassion was active, working to bring justice and freedom. Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of slavery and into a land of abundance and peace.

Moses' leadership would be based on compassion. He would need to care for the people and trust in God's guidance. God's compassion was the model for how Moses should lead.

God invited Moses to work with Him. The suffering of the Israelites was a shared concern. Moses was to be God's voice, bringing hope and deliverance to the people.

This story of God's compassion is a reminder that God cares deeply for those who suffer. It calls us to show the same compassion in our lives, to help those in need, and to trust in God's love and justice.

CHAPTER 4: The Burning Bush and God's Name

Moses was taking care of sheep when he saw a bush on fire, but it wasn't burning up. This was a special moment because God spoke to him from the bush. Moses was nervous and asked God what he should say if people asked who sent him. God told Moses to say, "I AM WHO I AM." This name showed that God is always there and never changes.

God's name in Hebrew is “Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh,” which means "I AM WHO I AM" or "I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE." It means God is always present and powerful, no matter what happens.

Moses learned that God was not just a story from the past. God was real and with him right then. This made Moses feel both amazed and comforted. He realized that God was not far away but close and ready to help.

God's name was a promise to Moses and the Israelites that He would always be with them. Unlike other gods, who were tied to places or things, God was everywhere and always the same.

God wanted Moses to know that He was not keeping secrets. By sharing His name, God invited Moses and the Israelites to trust Him. Knowing God's name meant understanding His power and love.

When Moses went to talk to Pharaoh, he did so with the power of the God who "is." This was important because Pharaoh thought he was like a god. But God showed that He was the true power.

God's name also showed that He was both powerful and caring. He was like a fire that didn't burn up the bush—strong but gentle. This helped Moses feel brave, even when he was scared.

God gave Moses signs to show His power. Moses' staff turned into a snake and back again. His hand became sick and then healed. These signs helped Moses believe that God was with him.

Moses was worried about speaking well, but God promised that his brother Aaron would help him. This showed that God gives us help when we need it.

The story of the burning bush teaches us that God is always with us, even when we are scared. It reminds us to trust in God's power and love.