



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. The heart of “here”
 - **Dictionary.com — Here: In this place; in this spot or locality (opposed to there)**
- B. Don’t make “there” the goal of your life
 - Obedience “here” will always take you “there”

Exodus 3:1-4 (NLT) One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up. 3 “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” 4 When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied.

- C. “Here I am” is when “here” becomes Holy Ground
 - You have to learn to value “here”
- D. You follow God vertically before you follow Him horizontally

II. HERE IS WHERE WE HEAR

- A. The problem isn’t “here,” it’s “hear”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- **Would you rather lose your sense of sight or hearing?**

- B. The earth places more value on what we see than what we hear

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

- You don’t have to see God to hear God or obey God
- C. You don’t have to see what God is doing to trust what He said
- D. Ok God, here I am

III. HERE I AM IS THE EASY PART

- A. There’s always more to “here” than “there”



Exodus 3:7-9 (TLB) 7 Then the Lord told him, “I have seen the deep sorrows of my people in Egypt and have heard their pleas for freedom from their harsh taskmasters. 8 I have come to deliver them from the Egyptians and to take them out of Egypt into a good land, a large land, a land ‘flowing with milk and honey’—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live. 9 Yes, the wail of the people of Israel has risen to me in heaven, and I have seen the heavy tasks the Egyptians have oppressed them with.

B. We’d rather fight WITH God than have faith IN God

Exodus 3:10-11 (TLB) 10 Now I am going to send you to Pharaoh, to demand that he let you lead my people out of Egypt.” 11 “But I’m not the person for a job like that!” Moses exclaimed.

C. I just need you to trust me

Exodus 3:12-14 (TLB) 12 Then God told him, “I will certainly be with you, and this is the proof that I am the one who is sending you: When you have led the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God here upon this mountain!” 13 But Moses asked, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them that their fathers’ God has sent me, they will ask, ‘Which God are you talking about?’ What shall I tell them?” 14 “‘The Sovereign God,’” was the reply. “Just say, ‘I Am has sent me!’

IV. TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES

Exodus 3:5 (NLT) 5 “Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.

A. Take off your shoes

- I have to get vulnerable “HERE”

B. “HERE” felt different

- Availability, Vulnerability, Sensitivity

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NIRV) He comforts us in all our troubles. Now we can comfort others when they are in trouble. We ourselves receive comfort from God.