

## The Call of God Exodus 3:1-4 (NJKV)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

NCCM has just stepped into its 31<sup>st</sup> year, and we are moving into the next!

### Introduction

Apostle Scales said that Philippians 1:6 has been burning in his heart for this years Summit - *"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ"*.

- His desire is that every leader will lead with the confidence, so that they can accomplish their assignment.
- As I pondered, and prayed my attention was drawn to four words in the verse and they are ***"He who has begun"***.
- A question came to my mind. That question is ***"did He begin it?"***
- Jesus, speaking to Nicodemus in John 3:6 said, ***"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit"***.
- Born of – fathered by; cause to arise out of, excited, has its origin
- You CANNOT make flesh – spirit.
- Learned behavior is not the anointing.

Therefore, it is of extreme importance that we know that we know that God has called us.

To do what we are doing we must be able to say regarding ministry “God said,” because the enemy will challenge us every time with the question, “Hath God said?”

With that in mind, let’s talk about the **Call of God**.

Moses’ call – Exodus 3

**What you are doing prepares you for your next assignment – (vs.1)**

- Moses was tending sheep
- Sometimes what you are doing for someone else leads you to the mountain of God (vs. 1)
- God looks for faithfulness to what your hand is currently doing
- Generally speaking, the call of God interrupts what you are doing  
Moses was tending sheep.

**God must get our attention, so He uses various things – burning bush (vs. 2)**

- Moses – burning bush
- Joshua – Death of Moses
- David – Giant
- Samuel – familiar voice
- Elijah- dry brook
- Peter – failure
- Paul – light from heaven

**God examines our responsiveness before He calls – (vs. 3-4)**

*When the lord saw that he turned (vs. 4)*

- Looked – gazed at, stared (vs.2)
- Turned aside - make linear movement in a direction, with a focus that there is a change in direction from a course or path (vs. 3)
- Saw – to inspect, perceive, consider

**When God sees us responding to Him and His dealings He calls (vs. 4)**

*When the Lord saw that he turned (vs. 4)*

- God called from the midst of the burning bush – the thing that was used to get his attention.
- Moses responded- “here I am”