

Glory, Grief & The Good Shepherd

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Key Scriptures

Exodus 33:11-23

Numbers 20:1-13

Psalms 23

Message Summary

Moses wasn't seeking a divine moment when God found him tending sheep in the middle of nowhere. But in the everyday, God's fire showed up—and everything changed. That moment at the burning bush wasn't just a spectacle; it was a holy call to a mission far greater than Moses could imagine. Moses had a decision to make: remain with the sheep in the safety of the life he knew, or step into the unknown and follow God toward a greater, divine purpose. He had a list of excuses for why he couldn't do the job. But, instead of depending on his own strength, he allowed the fire of God to ignite his heart, and give him courage to step into what God was calling him to do.

Through all that Moses would come to face —every high and every heartbreak—God stayed close. From the burning bush to the mountaintop glory, from face-to-face conversations to crushing grief, Moses experienced the presence of God in powerful, personal ways. It wasn't always easy. Sometimes grief got the better of him, and it cost him deeply. Even in his failure God remained faithful.

Today, Jesus invites us to know Him in the same way—in the glorious moments and in the moments of grief. He is the one who leads us, restores us, and walks with us every step of the way. Will we trust Him to be our Great Shepherd today?

Quotes

You don't need a platform to platform God in your life.

— Pastor Sarah Brouwer

The antidote to your insecurity is not to ask, "Who am I?" but instead, "Who are you, God?"

— Pastor Sarah Brouwer

In the glory and the grief, our God is still the same. He is good.

— Pastor Sarah Brouwer

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your presence. I trust that You are with me always, even when I don't feel You near. I ask You to show me Your glory, God. Help me to recognize Your presence in both the ordinary and the overwhelming moments of life. Give me the courage to trust You, even when the path ahead feels uncertain or beyond me. Amen.

Reflection

What Do You Think?

Reflect on these questions independently or discuss them with your Life Group.

Questions

1. Which part of today's message stood out the most to you, and why?

2. Are you experiencing grief today - the loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship, an unfulfilled dream, or unmet expectation?

3. Have you ever experienced God showing up in an unexpected or "ordinary" moment, like Moses at the burning bush?

4. Whose glory are you seeking? In other words, is there something (or someone) other than God that drives your decisions?

5. What does it look like to let the "fire of God" burn in your heart today, in your current season of life? Is there something you need to surrender to the Good Shepherd?

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