

Week 1

Theophanies

When God Appears

6-Day
Devotional

Day 1 — The God Who Appears

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:1–4, Jeremiah 29:13*

Reflection: Moses wasn't in a temple or on a spiritual retreat. He was tending sheep in the wilderness. Yet God appeared there. The miracle wasn't just the bush; it was that God met Moses in an ordinary place. The same God who appeared in fire still meets His people today. Maybe not always in dramatic ways, but often in the small, everyday moments we're tempted to overlook.

Application: Set an alarm on your phone for three different times today: morning, afternoon, and evening. When it goes off, pause for one minute and ask, "God, where are You at work right now?" Write down one thing you notice: a person, a thought, a moment of peace, or even a challenge that draws your attention back to Him. At the end of the day, look back over those notes and thank God for showing up in the ordinary.

What might God be revealing about His character through what caught your attention today?

Day 2 — Holy Ground

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:5–6, Psalm 46:10*

Reflection: The ground wasn't holy because Moses was standing there. It became holy because God was. God's presence turns the ordinary into sacred. When we pause long enough to recognize His presence, our kitchens, classrooms, or offices can become places of worship.

Application: Before you begin your day, or anytime you sense God stirring your heart, take a moment to physically and spiritually posture yourself before Him. You might kneel, open your hands, or simply bow your head and pray: "God, You are holy. Help me approach You with reverence and readiness." Spend a few minutes in silence, letting His presence settle your heart. Then ask Him, "Lord, what would You have me do today?" As you listen, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what needs to be removed: distractions, pride, or sin, so nothing stands between you and the holy ground of His presence.

Day 3 — The God Who Knows Your Name

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:4, Isaiah 43:1*

Reflection: Before God gave Moses a mission, He spoke Moses' name. God's call is always personal before it's purposeful. He knows your story, your struggles, and your past, and still chooses to call you by name.

Application: Take a walk or find a quiet spot and say your name aloud: "God, it's [your name]." Then talk to Him honestly about what's really going on in your heart today: your worries, hopes, or fears. After you've shared, listen for His truth. Write your name in your journal, and underneath it, write who God says you are: *redeemed, chosen, beloved, sent*.

Day 4 — Reverence and Readiness

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:10–11, James 4:10*

Reflection: God’s call invites both awe and action. Reverence keeps us humble; readiness keeps us moving. Moses felt unqualified, and that’s exactly where God met him. The Lord doesn’t call the equipped; He equips the called.

Application: Before you begin your day, take one physical posture of surrender — kneel, open your hands, or bow your head. Say out loud, “Here I am, Lord. Use me today.” Then watch for one opportunity to serve, speak life, or encourage someone — and do it as your “yes” to God’s call.

Day 5 — I Will Be With You

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:12, Matthew 28:20*

Reflection: Moses questioned his worth, but God reminded him of His presence. The strength of our calling doesn’t come from who we are, but from who goes with us. This same promise is given to us today: wherever He sends us, we never go alone.

Application: Write the words “*I am with you*” on your hand, notebook, or phone lock screen today. Every time you see it, pause and pray, “God, thank You that You’re here, right now.” Let that simple reminder shape your attitude, courage, and peace all day long.

Day 6 — Responding to the Call

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:13–14*

Reflection: When Moses hesitated, God reminded him who He is. God’s identity is the foundation of our obedience. When He calls you, He’s not looking for your confidence. He’s asking for your trust.

Application: Think of one area in your life where you’ve sensed God nudging you, maybe to reach out, forgive, give, or serve. Today, take one concrete step toward that obedience. It doesn’t have to be big; it just has to be yes. Ask yourself, “*What has God been asking of me repeatedly that I’ve been resisting?*”

Wrap-Up Reflection (Day 7)

Take time to reread Exodus 3:1–12 and reflect on your week:

- Where did you see God at work in ordinary places?
 - What did He ask you to take off — distractions, pride, fear?
 - How did His presence change the way you see your calling?
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