

## Exodus

### Wilderness Encounter - week 3

March 8, 2026

As we journey through Exodus together, create space to listen, reflect, and grow. There is no pressure to have the “right” answers – only an invitation to be present. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead the conversation and to gently shape your heart along the way.

#### Open up together:

- What is the wildest adventure you have ever been on?
- Have you ever had a trip, project, or plan take much longer than you expected? What happened?

#### Read Together:

##### Exodus 2:23-25

During that **long period**, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

##### Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

##### Exodus 3:11-13

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it

is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

### **Exodus 3:14**

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

### **Matthew 28:20**

And surely I am with always until the very end of the age.

### **Reflect & Share:**

- In Exodus 2:23-25, the Israelites cry out, and God hears them. Why do you think Scripture highlights that God *hears, remembers, sees, and is concerned*?
- Moses’ encounter with God begins when he notices something unusual and turns aside to look. What might this teach us about paying attention to God in our everyday lives?
- Moses’ first response to God’s call is “Who am I?” When have you felt inadequate or unprepared for something God might be asking of you?
- God’s response to Moses is not a list of qualifications, but a promise: “I will be with you.” Why do you think God’s presence matters more than our abilities?
- The message suggested that wilderness seasons can become places of formation. Where in your life right now might God be inviting you to trust that He is with you, even if the path ahead is unclear?

### **Pray Together:**

Spend a moment asking God to help you notice His presence in your everyday life this week. Pray for awareness to see Him in ordinary moments and for trust during any “wilderness” season you may be walking through.