

EXODUS 3

THE UNCHANGING GOD

One fine day, Moses was out taking care of sheep and he saw a burning bush but it didn't burn up! When he got closer, a voice came out of the bush, telling him to take his shoes off because he was on a holy ground. The Voice told Moses that he would lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Moses was nervous and he asked the Voice what His name was. The Voice, who is God, said "I AM WHO I AM."

This was very special. God is so big and extraordinary that He can't have an ordinary name like Parker or Popeye. When God says that His name is I AM, it means He has no beginning and no end and He is the same yesterday, today and forever! He was telling Moses and is telling you that He is an unchanging GOD.

Key verse:

*Revelations 1:8
I'm The God Who Is, The God Who Was, and The God About to Arrive.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for Your word and for showing me who You are. I praise and worship You for who You are. Amen.



EXODUS 4:1-17

I CAN'T, BUT GOD CAN

Moses gave God a lot of excuses when God asked him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God showed him two signs of His power but Moses still made excuses. His biggest excuse was he could not speak as he stuttered. He feared that he would say the wrong things and he was also scared to face Pharaoh.

God knew about Moses' speech issue but yet He still asked him to do that big job because He knew that with His help Moses could do anything.

Just like Moses, we make excuses too sometimes. Is God asking you to do something and you don't think you can and you've been giving Him excuses? You only need to remember this simple sentence. GOD CAN. God has an answer for every excuse that you give Him. When He wants you to do something, He will find a way. All you have to do is be willing to let Him do what He wants in you.

Key verse:

*Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me strength and confidence when I feel desperate. I can do all things through You. Amen.



EXODUS 7:1-13

WHO RULES YOUR HEART?

Moses and his brother, Aaron, met with Pharaoh in Egypt to ask him to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh said, "No!" because his heart was stubborn.

God instructed Moses and Aaron to perform a miracle to show God's greatness. Aaron threw his staff* and it turned into a snake. Pharaoh also commanded his men and magicians to do the same thing and they did it, too. However, Aaron's staff swallowed theirs. It showed that the power in Aaron's staff was greater than the one in Pharaoh's. However, Pharaoh's heart was still stubborn and he didn't want to let them go.

The danger of a stubborn heart is real. When someone's heart becomes as hard as a stone, it will become numb and dull to God's voice. But, when God of peace guards your heart, the peace of God will rule your heart.

Let God be the ruler over your heart. When you know that your heart is getting harder, turn to Him and let Him take over it. He will transform your heart to a new and clean heart.

*a long, straight stick, especially one used to assist in walking

Key verse:

*Hebrews 3:15
Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
strengthen my heart to trust You.
Deliver me from being stubborn and help me to be able to listen to You and obey Your words.
Amen.*



GENESIS 15:1-18

GOD'S BIG PROMISE

Can you look up to the sky and stars and think for a moment about the stars? Do you know there are many stars in our galaxy the milky way? Sun is the nearest star to earth but it would take 221 days to reach there by spaceship, 177 years by car and 3000 years by walking!

After Abram settled down in Canaan, Abram and his wife, Sarai were longing for a child. God knew their desire and told Abram that his children would be as many as the stars in the sky. It is uncountable! God kept His promises. When Abram was 100 years old and his wife was 90 years old, their son was born. His name was Isaac. From Isaac, came many, many, many descendants of Abraham like the stars in the sky. One of them is Jesus!

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy 6:5
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Prayer

Dear God, I believe in You because Your words and promises are yes and amen. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.



GENESIS 19

TRUST AND OBEY GOD

This is a very sad story in the Bible about a man named Lot, Abraham's nephew. Lot had a wife and two daughters. After separating from Abraham, he chose to live in a city named Sodom. This was a very bad choice because Sodom was a very wicked city. Years after years, the people who lived in that city were getting more and more wicked and it upset God. God decided to destroy the city of Sodom.

One night, two angels who appeared like men came to Lot's house and they warned Lot to get out of the city because it was going to be completely destroyed. The angels warned them not to look back. Lot and his daughters obeyed and ran away from Sodom. They didn't stop even for a moment. They didn't look back.

Unfortunately, Lot's wife disobeyed. After they had gone some distance away from Sodom, she stopped and looked back. Then Lot's wife became a pillar of salt.

We can learn a good lesson from this. It teaches us that God wants us to just trust and obey Him no matter how hard it is.

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy
5:33*

*Live the way the
Lord your God
has commanded
you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
to trust and obey
you with all of my
heart. Amen.*



GENESIS 22

FAITH (FORSAKING ALL, I TAKE HIM)

Have you ever been in this situation before? You were having your favourite gummy bears and at the last piece, suddenly your best friend came and asked if you could share it? Will you give it to him or will you eat it all by yourself?

I want to tell you a little story. As we have learned before, finally Abraham and Sarah had a son and he was named Isaac. During the time of Abraham, people showed their devotion to God by placing food or sometimes an animal they had killed on an altar and burning it up. This was called a "sacrifice". One day, God asked Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Did Abraham get angry at God and say "NO WAY, GOD!?" Or did he run away with Isaac to hide from God? No, none of them is correct.

And that is when Abraham realised God would always do the right thing. If he obeyed God, even in this very hard thing, God would make it alright in the end. He might have thought that maybe God would let Isaac die but then he would bring him back to life. Abraham did not understand exactly what would happen but he had faith in God.

Faith means trusting someone who can see what you cannot see yet. So, when Abraham had faith in God, God was touched seeing Abraham's faith. God asked him not to kill Isaac and He provided a ram to replace Isaac.

Today, let us have faith in God for things that we hope for. God has already seen it before you!

Key verse:

*Hebrew 11:1b
Faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.*

Prayer

Dear God, teach me to trust in Your plan and direction. Amen.



GENESIS 25:19-34

I DID IT GOD'S WAY

Isaac got married to Rebekah. When Rebekah was still pregnant, the twins in her tummy tumbled and kicked each other. The Bible tells us that God had purposely said since the beginning that the older son, Esau would serve the younger one, Jacob.

However, Isaac tried to do things his way by trying to bestow the family blessing on Esau whom he favoured, in opposition to God's purpose. Eventually, what took place was exactly what God had planned. Jacob was the one who was blessed with the birthright.

Kids, when God speaks to you to do something for Him, you can either cooperate with His sovereign plan and be blessed or you can resist His purpose and He will set you aside and raise up someone else to fulfil it. His purpose never fails. Let's follow His will and do it God's way.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 55:8
The way you
work isn't the
way I work.*

Prayer

*Dear God, help
me to follow
Your ways as
You lead me
into a life of
fruitfulness and
joy. In the name
of Jesus, I pray.
Amen.*

