

BLESSINGS ALWAYS
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Association Minister Message
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HOLY GROUND. Then God said to Moses, *"Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."* Exodus 3:5.

The calling of Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land is filled with suspense, adventure, doubt and fear. It is an adventure that would take forty years. Those forty years were filled with anticipation and hope. And yet there was complaining, irritation, even comments that it would have been better to stay in Egypt than on this journey. Moses considered himself not qualified to lead the people and wondered at times why he was put in such a position as the leader of ungrateful people.

Let's not get ahead of the story without remembering Moses' encounter with God. Moses was leading his flock *"beyond the wilderness, coming to Horeb, the mountain of God."* There God called Moses out of the bush, and told Moses *"Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."*

HOLY GROUND. We live in a time of terror, uncertainty and hatred. We act as if nothing is holy, sacred, blessed or godly anymore. Words are uttered that disrespect persons and places. Actions are done to brutalize and destroy human relationships. Are we really on *HOLY GROUND*? I believe that we all are on *HOLY GROUND*, called to journey to places yet unknown, beyond the wilderness, a journey that should be renewable and timeless. There has been and will be complaining, despair, resentment—but God is calling us and we find ourselves on *HOLY GROUND*.

When we take off our sandals, we have intimate touch with the *HOLY GROUND*. We feel it. Our touch has no barrier between us and the *HOLY GROUND*. God's vision touches us and we touch God's vision that can release us from our bondages of all that makes life and living not as God intends them to be. When we are released from that which binds us, ministries, missions and service to others happen. As we have heard often, we are always on a journey, not at the destination. May God bless our journey that will always continue. God calls us. God touches us. We touch God. We touch God's creation and each other with love, respect and care. We are on *HOLY GROUND*. BLESSINGS ALWAYS.