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DIVING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S SERMON

A resource of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale for individuals, families, and small groups that offers deeper insights into the previous Sunday's scripture text and sermon.

From the Sermon on 8/3/25 "Encountering God in the Ordinary"

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Opening Prayer: "Gracious and loving God, we come before You with open hearts and minds, seeking to understand Your Word and Your presence in our lives. As we study the story of Moses and the burning bush, help us to recognize Your voice and respond to Your call. May this time together deepen our faith and draw us closer to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Understanding the Context: (Explore aspects of the passage like place, adjacent scripture, and other elements)

1. Who was Moses at this point in his life, and what was he doing when God called him?
2. What significance does the location of Horeb, the mountain of God, have in this story?

Key Themes: (Encountering God in the Ordinary)

3. How does God initiate the relationship with Moses, and what does this tell us about God's presence and holiness?
4. What does the burning bush symbolize in terms of God's presence and holiness?

Application and Action:

5. In what ways might God be trying to get your attention in your daily life?
6. How can we create space in our lives to notice and respond to God's presence?
7. What steps can you take this week to be more attentive to God's voice in your life?
8. How can you encourage others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives?

Group Discussion:

If you are studying with others, discuss your reflections and insights.

1. Share a time when you felt God was trying to get your attention. How did you respond?

2. Discuss the role of vulnerability in our relationship with God. How does this impact your faith journey?

Closing Prayer: “Gracious God, thank You for meeting us in the ordinary moments of our lives. Help us to turn aside and see the burning bushes You place before us. May we respond with faith and courage, trusting in Your guidance and love. As we go forth, may we carry Your presence with us, shining Your light in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.”

Journal Prompt:

Reflect on a recent experience where you felt God's presence in an ordinary moment. Write about how you responded and what you learned from that encounter.

