



Standing firm in what we know and who we are in Christ gives us footing for changes. God gives us lasting images like the burning bush, and his personal name as revelation so we can count on Him being who He has always been.

### Opening Question:

In what areas of life do people in our culture most fear failing?

What have you been afraid of failing at?

**Read:** Exodus 3:1-15

Take a moment to meditate on the passage, imagining the desert scene (3:1), the sound and wonder of the burning bush, the awesome sense of God's presence and voice, and what you might feel if you were in Moses' place. Bring your insights to the passage. What catches your eye?

### Understanding the Story:

Why do you think God chose to get Moses' attention in this particular way?

Why is Moses hesitant about God's instructions to him? What might Moses have been ashamed of in his past (Ex. 2:11-12)? What might he be afraid of?

### Living the Story:

Are there consistent reasons you hesitate when you sense and invitation/instruction from God? What are they? How might fear of failure rob us of the joy of living?

What past failures do you sometimes think disqualify you from serving God?

How has God met you personally in the moments when you feel inadequate to step up to His invitations/instructions?

### Pray:

Spend some time thanking God for the times He has been present with you in the midst of your own fears and hesitations. Thank Him with only a word or phrase that reminds you of the time or times he has held you up or sustained you when you were not strong enough on your own. Take as long as you need.