LESSONS FROM MOSES

Lesson #1 -Burning Bush Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:11-15

Introduction:

- 1. Moses began with reluctancy but became one of the greatest leaders of Israel.
- 2. We must not underestimate the abilities God gave to us.

I. MOSES'S BURNING BUSH

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. Moses had grown as an Egyptian and was educated by them -Ac 7:21, 22
- 2. He killed an Egyptian for beating a fellow Hebrew -Ac 7:23-28
 - a. He thought they would understand that God sent him.
 - b. Instead, they rejected him.

B. MOSES SEES THE BURNING BUSH -Ex 3:2-ff

- 1. God has seen the oppression of His people -vs. 7-9
- 2. God commissions him to speak to Pharaoh -vs. 10

C. MOSES'S FIVE EXCUSES:

- 1. "Who am I" -vs. 11
- 2. "What is His name?" -vs. 13
- 3. "The Lord has not appeared to you." -4:1
- 4. "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue -vs. 10
- 5. "Send by the hand of whomever else You may send" -vs. 13

D. MOSES DID GO

- 1. He was a better leader than Aaron -Ex 32
- 2. He was the right man in the right place at the right time
- 3. Moses is still a highly respected leader of Israel -cf. Mt 17:1-ff

II. OUR BURNING BUSH

A. THE BIBLE

- 1. It is a book unlike any other
- 2. Man has tried to destroy it to no avail.
- 3. This shows it is from God -Mt 24:35
- 4. Like the burning bush, we cannot take our eyes away from it.
- B. OUR TALENTS
 - 1. The Parable of the Talents. "...each according to his own ability" -Mt 25:15
 - 2. The "I am not" attitude -1Co 12:15-19

C. OVERPOWERING FEAR

- 1. Fear does not come from God
 - a. Love, power, and sound mind -2Ti 1:7
 - b. The cowardly are condemned -Re 21:8
- 2. Jesus taught against fear
 - a. The one-talented man -Mt 25:25
 - b. Don't fear those who can hurt the body -Mt 10:28
- 3. Prayer for boldness
 - a. Peter -Ac 4:23-31
 - b. Paul -Ep 6:18-20
- 4. Put faith into action.

Conclusion:

- 1. There are many obstacles that we will face.
- 2. We can learn from the example of Moses, take courage, and overcome.