LESSONS FROM MOSES
Lesson #1 - Burning Bush
Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:11-15
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Introduction:
1. Moses began with reluctance 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

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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.