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“The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses  
in the burning bush” (Exodus 3:1-6,9-12)



As an engaged mother of three daughters (three in three and a half years!) who maintained a career outside the home, I became well-accustomed to a fast-paced lifestyle—one that often ran smoothly but frequently demanded quick thinking and the ability to put out fires when needed.

While many days were filled with the usual juggling act and the occasional small fire to put out, every now and then, life handed me much bigger blazes—those defining episodes that tested my strength, shaped my perspectives, and left lasting marks on my journey.

I grew up in a household shaped by the challenges of having an alcoholic father. Years later, I walked alongside my sister as she faced an unimaginable diagnosis—a young mother of two little ones and pregnant with her third, diagnosed at thirty with an inoperable brain tumor, and gone by thirty-seven, leaving behind three young children. And most recently, the deepest blow of all: the sudden and heartbreaking death of my wonderful husband of thirty years, an amazing and devoted father to our three children, after a short illness.

These weren't just fires; each of these moments was a personal inferno. They were experiences in life when I felt the full heat. In those moments of pain and despair, I often felt utterly alone, yet, like Moses at the burning bush, I came to realize that God was right there with me. Even when the flames around me seemed overwhelming, God's love and presence was and is unmistakably with me and within me.

Could it be, just as an angel appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush to call him to lead God's people out of Egypt, that God is present in the burning bushes of our lives, gently calling us into a deeper relationship with God and to do God's will? "Here I am."

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