

# Gathering

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**M**oses' journey of gathering courage began with his mother when he was a baby. We know the story how Jochebed courageously saved his life by placing him in a coated basket to be found by Pharaoh's daughter along the bank of the Nile (Exodus 2:1-10). Drawn out of the water, he grew as part of Pharaoh's house.

Grown up, he goes to where the Hebrews were and killed an Egyptian that was beating one of them. At the news, Moses fled from Pharaoh and the Egyptian way of life to Midian. While tending the flock of his father-in-law, he comes to Horeb, the mountain of God. It is there Moses finds himself glaring at a burning bush that just would not burn up: "*So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."*" (Exodus 3:3)

Moses realizes that it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the I AM in visible form, addressing him (3:6, 14). Although Moses listens to God's instructions with reverence, as he processes God's plans to save His people using him as a leader, Moses feels insecure and afraid, and gives God a series of excuses (4:1-13). Moses needed to reconcile his past with God's calling him to lead Israel out of Egypt. Now it was his turn to act courageously.

God's answers to Moses, instilled in him the courage he needed to complete this task. The Lord would give Moses (and us) the resources needed and the assurance that he would not be alone (3:12).

After reading the scripture, consider these questions:

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