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Matthew 6:6 *"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you ^{to} openly."*

As beautiful are our corporate encounters with God, God desires we press in and posture ourselves for daily and personal encounters with Him. Whilst great things are birthed in the corporate encounter, the daily encounters discover the still small voice in the secret place; daily bread.

Exodus 3:1-12. We see a nation in slavery and under oppression, and at the significant time Moses is born; a beautiful child released into adoption by Pharaoh's house; confronted in adulthood by injustice but actively compulsively; fled a long way, married, had family, served his father-in-law as a shepherd. Doing his work, in the desert, God appears suddenly and meets Moses where He is; God meets people in unexpected ways in unexpected places (burning bush). Consider Moses (shepherding), Gideon (winepress), Elisha (ploughing), disciples (fishing, accounting, doctor, etc), Saul (destroying the church) – all encountered God and all needed to let go of some things to accomplish what God specifically asked of them.

God knows what we need, and we must expect the unexpected, not settle for the ordinary. Had Moses perceived this was a natural combustion, he may have missed the miracle.

God calls Moses and had also heard the cry of a nation. Moses' response.

God called Moses by name. Isaiah 43:1; 49:1. 'Here I am, send me'

Shoes off on holy ground – a sign of surrender. Romans 10:15 – how beautiful are the feet... sent to bring the good news – John 10:10. Shoes off, on a daily basis – surrendering my ways, my past for God's future.

Joshua 5:7

Exodus 3. God hears, He sees, He answers and He acts – through people; 'Go' – 'you, go' – Jesus is the only One but people are sent to those in need; people preach the gospel and He will do signs and wonder *through* us. He goes before, He will guide and give direction and it will unfold as we step in and begin to walk.

Our 'shoes' in God's hand never wear out.

Matthew 6. What is the secret place? Going about our daily business, encountering God daily; instruction comes.