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Malia, Avery and Carter, looking good in Orange, CA

“...and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet it was not consumed.”

I was recently reading this passage from Exodus 3 and it struck me in a new way.

Here was Moses, just living his life. It was an ordinary day of working the flock of sheep for his father-in-law. Taking care of the family business.

But then, God shows up and EVERYTHING changes. The trajectory of his life would never be the same.

I was struck by how amazing, insane and freaky this would have been. To see a large bush burning...yet not burning like anything had ever burned before. How attractive it must have been. It drew Moses' attention for sure; essentially stopping him in his tracks.

And when God has his attention, he calls Moses into a new life...a new way of doing life.

When I was in college, there was a lot of talk in Christian circles of living, “On fire for God”. I didn't totally know

what that meant. It seemed that it meant that you had to have a lot of energy and always be kinda *out there* in peoples' faces with your faith.

But, if I think of it like a burning bush, it changes my view...at least in my mind. Then it wouldn't be related to what energy I had or didn't have...it wouldn't have to do with personality. It would just be who I am. God in me is what would be so different.

And, it would be attractive. It would draw people...it wouldn't be some kind of awkward nervous energy of trying to live life 'on fire'. It would be something that radiates and offers a dialogue where people can hear about a God who calls *them* into a new life and a new way of doing life.

This is what we are praying for in your lives. That as you walk with God, you will continually experience life in a new way.

It is also what we are praying our time in Australia will be like. We are

praying to leave in January to go Down Under and bring light to a spiritually dark place.

We need you to pray for us and in a real, yet spiritual sense, join us. We sincerely covet...preciously hold, your prayers. Going to Australia feels kinda freaky to us; that faith step seems HUGE...maybe in the same ways it was freaky for Moses to walk up to a burning bush.

prayer points:

Be prepared in all ways for this Australia mission trip: prayer, financial, and emotional support. Also, the many details to make a move like this succeed.

Please pray for our kids and the transition this is for them.

To have courage

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