Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.

Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.

I hope to stand firm enough to not go backward, and yet not go forward fast enough to wreck the country's cause.

Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.

I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end... I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me.

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.

If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business.

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

"Beavers build houses; but they build them in nowise differently, or better now, than they did, five thousand years ago. Ants, and honey-bees, provide food for winter; but just in the same way they did, when Solomon referred the sluggard to them as patterns of prudence. Man is not the only animal who labors; but he is the only one who improves his workmanship."

"I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me."

"I would rather be defeated with this expression ('house divided against itself cannot stand') in the speech, and uphold and discuss it before the people, than be victorious without it."

"The probability that we may fall in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just; it shall not deter me."

"Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today."

[If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six hours sharpening my ax](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/if_i_had_eight_hours_to_chop_down_a_tree-i-d/194268.html)”

“[Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/nearly_all_men_can_stand_adversity-but_if_you/10078.html)”

 “[Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/sir-my_concern_is_not_whether_god_is_on_our_side/164075.html)”

Knowledge 6:15

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the **knowledge** of him:

3:19 And to **know** the love of Christ, which passeth **knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

2Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his **knowledge** by us in every place.

1Sam. 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of **knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.

2Chrom. 1:10 Give me now wisdom and **knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

Job 36:4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in **knowledge** is with thee.

2Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3:18 But grow in grace, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2Cor. 6:6 By pureness, by **knowledge**, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and **knowledge**, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Php 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in **knowledge** and in all judgment;

**Knowledge is very much part of the process.**

The preparation denotes readiness.

Readiness requires prayer and study. Rev. 19:7; Luke 1:17; II Timothy 2:15,

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

There is a Battlefield we are in a conflict

Feet shod represents readiness

Readiness requires Hearing from God and seeing something and ready to deliver what is sen and heard.

From a walk we come to warfare

From high Spiritual blessings we pass to the battlefield

Ready to face the wicked forces

Are you a happy victorious warrior

prepare for battle look well to the armour

We can receive God's Call

**Introduction**: God calls people to serve Him. The LORD Himself, the great God and Savior who created the universe and sustains everything throughout the universe. It is the sovereign Lord and Majesty of all—God Himself—who actually stoops down condescends to us and offers us the wonderful privilege of serving Him. This should excite us. It should stir us to seek God's call, to seek God's hand upon our lives.

To all who are seeking God, to all who want to serve God, to all who want God's call upon their lives, this Scripture shows us how we can receive God's call:

What kind of person does God call?

1. Ex 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.
2. Am 7:14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: {sycomore...: or, wild figs}

(a divine call impelled me to it)

1Ki 10:27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

2Ki 10:32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

1. David was a shepherd
2. Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Moses was a shepherd, which suggests that he had a heart that could shepherd people. When the call of God came to Moses, he was tending the flocks of Jethro, his father-in-law. The Hebrew has the idea of continuous action; that is, tending the flocks was his job. Moses was a shepherd by occupation. The work of a shepherd was...

• to feed and water the sheep.

• to guide the sheep.

• to seek and save the sheep who got lost.

• to protect the sheep.

• to keep the sheep separate from the goats

It takes a person with a very special heart to be a shepherd. His heart has to be both tough and tender, hard and compassionate, disciplined and soft. In addition to this, the shepherd has to spend a great deal of time alone out in the countryside with the sheep. he must utilize the time to develop his thought processes and to draw near God. The shepherd always has the opportunity to use his time to become a man of great devotion and prayer.

Moses had spent forty years developing the heart of a true shepherd

God was ready to call him to be the shepherd of God's people

Moses was a man of faith, a man who believed the miracles of God, the impossible acts of God ([Exodus 3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A2)). The person God uses must be a person of faith, a person who believes God. Note what now happened.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses ([Exodus 3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A2)). He appeared as a blazing fire within a bush, a flame of fire that did not burn out nor consume the bush. Who was this? God Himself

⇒ God's voice called out to Moses from within the burning bush ([Exodus 3:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A4)).

⇒ God identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ([Exodus 3:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A6)).

⇒ The Lord continued to speak to Moses from within the burning bush. In fact, the Lord alone spoke from [Exodus 3:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A4) to the end of this passage, [Exodus 3:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A10).

In light of these facts, the messenger is the LORD God Himself, the second person of the Godhead, the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord appeared as a blazing fire from within the bush, a flame of fire that just kept on burning and did not consume the bush ([Exodus 3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A2)). God has often used fire to symbolize His presence ([Exodus 13:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+13%3A21); [Exodus 19:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+19%3A18); [Exodus 24:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+24%3A17); [Judges 13:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jdg+13%3A20); [1 Kings 18:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+18%3A24), [38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+18%3A38); [2 Chron. 7:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+7%3A1-3); [Ezekiel 1:4-28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+1%3A4-28); [Daniel 7:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A9-10); [Hebrews 12:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A29))

**"And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren" (**[**Deut. 33:16**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+33%3A16)**).**

In this verse, the Hebrew word for "dwelt" is shaw-kan or shakan. This was, then, the Shekinah glory, the very presence of God Himself shining and blazing forth in the bush.

God Himself was meeting Moses. He was manifesting and revealing Himself, meeting Moses in a very special way. Moses needed a deep, intense, unforgettable experience with God. He needed an experience with God that he would never forget as he launched out for God. Moses needed to see the glory of God...

• before he could undertake the mission of God.

• before he could minister and serve in the power of God.

Every believer should seek deeper experiences with God, to know God more and more, to draw closer to Him.

1) We should seek to experience more and more of the glory of God, God's glory manifested in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" ([2 Cor. 3:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+3%3A18)).

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" ([2 Cor. 4:6-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+4%3A6-7)).

God....Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" ([Hebrews 1:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+1%3A1-3)).

2) Once we have truly seen the glory of God, we will then minister and bear witness in the power of God. The shepherds who saw the glory of God when Jesus Christ was born into the world are a dynamic example of this truth.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child" ([Luke 2:8-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+2%3A8-17)).

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" ([1 John 1:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+1%3A2-3)).

⇒ Isaiah ([Isaiah 6:1f](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+6%3A1))

⇒ Paul the apostle ([Acts 9:3f](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+9%3A3))

Moses was a man who would **stop and seek the meaning of things** ([Exodus 3:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+3%3A3)). he stopped, turned aside, and went over to see the unusual sight, just why the blazing fire did not burn out nor consume the bush. Just think what would have happened if Moses had not stopped and gone over to see the unusual sight: he would have...

• missed the blessing of God.

• missed this deep experience with God.

• missed the call of God upon his life.

Many people are not interested in the meaning of things, not enough to stop and study the real meaning lying behind things, especially the meaning of God and of spiritual things. Many people ignore God and the things of God. They are...

• just too busy and too wrapped up in the affairs of life.

• just interested in the pleasures and possessions of this world.

Most people are not like Moses:

They just are not willing to stop and to seek the meaning of spiritual things.

The Lord was appearing to Moses and Moses stopped and sought the meaning of the Lord's appearance.

The Lord has appeared to us; He has come to earth. We must stop and seek the meaning of His coming. The person who truly seeks the Lord will find Him.

But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" ([Deut. 4:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+4%3A29)).

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" ([Isaiah 55:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+55%3A6)).

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" ([Jeremiah 29:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+29%3A13)).

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" ([Luke 11:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+11%3A9-10)).

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" ([Acts 17:27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+17%3A27)).

Ex 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

1. Draw not nigh hither
2. Put off thy shoes from off thy feet
3. The place whereon thou standest is holy ground.