

# **SHAKING THINGS UP**

## **THE NEED FOR A SHAKE UP**

- For the objective of increasing effectiveness
  1. Not so good when forced - trauma / tragedy can shake us
  2. Better when self-initiated
  3. Relational shake ups
- Shaking up our relationship with the Lord
  1. We are definitely not changing Him
  2. Changing our spiritual routines and approach (**James 4:8 NKJ**)

## **STUCK IN A RUT**

- Forgotten man in a forgotten land (**Exodus 3:1-5, 9-12 NKJ**)
  1. Moses had been doing the same thing for 40 years
  2. Living on the backside of the desert, a land with no future
- God caught his attention
  1. God did not harm him or break him
  2. Showed him something out of the ordinary
- Moses turned aside - a self-initiated action
  1. His choice to turn aside and see - a break in his routine
  2. After he turned, God spoke - called Moses by his name
- Moses had to get past his self perception
  1. He had lost confidence - his dream of being a deliverer had died
  2. But God was not done

## **SHAKING THINGS UP IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

- You are not forgotten by God
  1. Don't confuse lack of activity with lack of interest on God's part (**Hebrews 13:5 NKJ**)
- Be willing to turn aside
  1. Break with current routine and give God more of your attention
  2. Giving God more of you is worth the time and effort (**Hebrews 11:6 NKJ**)
- Get past yourself - too many have lost confidence
  1. Who am I, is not the question - our value has been determined
  2. Do not focus on what you are not (**Mark 10:27 NKJ**)
- Here am I - the response that shakes things up
  1. What God has for you will add purpose to your life (blesses you)