

# Benilde-St. Margaret's

## Scripture Theme 2009-2010

*“There an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, ‘I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned.’ When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then God said, ‘Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’ ”*

(Exodus 3:2-5)

### **Brief background:**

Moses was out tending his flock, a daily task, when he was struck with God's presence. Moses was awestruck and humbled and responded to God by saying “Here I am.” No questions, no hesitation, just “Here I am.” Moses is seen as a model of faith because of his response and dedication to God. God proceeded to give comfort to Moses that the cries of the people were heard and will be answered. God continued to give Moses the necessary information and tools he needed to liberate the Israelites.

### **Questions for Reflection**

- How does God appear to you? How does God appear here at BSM?
- When was the last time you were awestruck and humbled through God's work done in and around the BSM community?
- When you remember that you are on holy ground, how do you respond?
- What can be your reminder of God's presence?
- Moses responded to God's voice by saying “here I am?” How do you respond to God?
- Like Moses, where is there a call to humility in your daily life?
- God became flesh in Jesus to model for us how to live and respond to the holy Presence of God. What characteristic of Jesus are you imitating as you walk on holy ground?
- What is the gift of this present moment?

**Suggestions for use:**

- Post in your room or office to serve as a reminder of our theme and the greater mission of our school.
- Read before meetings (individually or as a group) as a reminder of the greater mission of our school. God hears us, guides us, and will provide direction as it is needed just like as was done for the Israelites.
- Use as a prayer, individually or with a group before a gathering.
- When you are having a hard day, reflect on the passage and questions.
- When you would like to affirm someone, say “I am aware of God’s presence through you/your work....”
- When you need an affirmation, reflect “God has blessed me today, I am grateful for....”
- Use it as a reminder that YOU have been called by God to serve the BSM community in this place and time, and God’s presence resides in YOU and YOUR work.