



Week 1

Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-7

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering."

1. Close encounters start within the _____ of _____.
 - Moses had to _____ from what he was doing in order to _____ what God wanted him to do.
2. Close encounters are born out of reverential _____ and not flippant _____.
3. Close encounters often take place in the _____.
4. Close encounters are for the _____.

5. Close encounters are for those willing to _____ the _____.

Hebrews 11:13

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

6. Close encounters are for the _____.
7. Close encounters are for those willing to _____ their _____.
 - Taking off his shoes was an act of _____.
 - The shoe's represent the _____, _____, and sin that Moses had picked up along the way.
 - The shoe's represent something that was fashioned by Moses' own _____.
 - Taking off shoes is a true sign of _____.
 - When I take off my shoes, I immediately walk a lot more _____.

Only when I push past the uncomfortable can I experience the unimaginable.