



“I will listen.”

The Burning Bush - Exodus 3:1-23

Granny B hummed a melody as she arranged a bouquet of freshly picked sunflowers. Ever since she and Delbert had admired the new blooms, she had been meaning to fill a vase with sunflowers for Delbert. The beautiful yellow flowers reminded her of Delbert. She smiled at the thought.

Granny B looked up. Delbert and Lello were coming down the path toward the farmhouse. Granny B quickly finished arranging the flowers and then walked to the steps to wait.

“Hi, Granny B!” Delbert yelled as soon as he spotted her.

“Baa, hello!” Lello added.

Granny B waved. “What are you two up to today?” she asked, as they joined her on the steps.

“Delbert and I have been collecting things for my treasure box,” Lello replied excitedly.

“Oh, is this the treasure box Pops helped you fix? He told me it was lovely. May I see it?” Granny B asked. Lello nudged the box toward Granny B. “Oh, it is lovely. I’m glad you were able to repair it.”

“Haw! Me, too!” Delbert added. “Granny B, we came by to see if you’d tell us a Bible story. We’ve been walking around the farm all morning and are ready for a little break.”

“I’d love to, Delbert. Hold on one moment,” Granny B replied. She got up, walked over to the rocking chair, and picked up her Bible.

Granny B flipped through the pages looking for a story to tell them. Suddenly, she stopped. "Do you know the story of the burning bush?" she asked. Both Delbert and Lello shook their heads no. "Once Moses saw a bush that was on fire, but it never burned up."

"Haw! I'd like to see that up close!" Delbert said.

"That's what Moses thought, too. When Moses took a closer look, guess what happened," Granny B began.

"What?" Lello whispered anxiously.

"Moses heard God's voice coming from the bush. God said, 'Go tell Pharaoh to let My people go,'" Granny B continued.

"Oh, I wish I could hear God's voice," said Lello.

"Me, too!" Delbert added.

"You can! God speaks to all of us," Granny B said.

Delbert and Lello began to look around. They strained to try and hear God's voice. Delbert even put his ear to the ground. They both looked a little disappointed.

"Haw! I don't hear anything!" Delbert said grumpily.

Granny B smiled. "When God speaks, it's not usually in an out loud voice like Moses heard," Granny B explained. "God speaks to us in special ways: through Bible stories, His world, and His people."

Lello's eyes widened. "Yeah! When Pops told us the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, it was like God said, 'Lello, forgive Delbert for breaking your treasure box.'"

"Haw! When I see a sunflower, it's like I hear God say, 'Delbert, I made this just for you,'" Delbert added happily.

"Exactly! Now, can you think of a way God speaks to you through other people?" Granny B asked.

Delbert and Lello thought for a moment. Big smiles crept across their faces.

"When you snuggle with me it's like God is saying, 'I love you,'" Lello said, as she scooted closer to Granny B and put her head on her lap.

Granny B rubbed Lello's ears affectionately. Then, she looked at Delbert. "Delbert, do you see those sunflowers on the porch?"

Delbert looked around and spotted the big vase filled with flowers and nodded. "Those are for you," Granny B said lovingly.

Delbert ran over and gazed at the flowers. He turned to Granny B. "This is like God saying, 'Delbert, I love you so much!'" Delbert exclaimed.

The three sat on the steps for a while longer enjoying each other's company. Then, Granny B suggested they look for a leaf to put in Lello's treasure box to remind them of the burning bush. Lello and Delbert loved the idea and immediately set off in search of the perfect leaf.