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Sunday, August 31, 2008

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.* —Anita Roddick

Last week, we read about Moses as a baby. In today's reading, Moses is anything but a baby. He's about 80 years old! He's married and has children, and he herds sheep for his father-in-law. He seems an unlikely candidate for a big opportunity that God has for him.

To get his attention, God speaks to him through an interesting sight in the wilderness: a bush that is burning, and burning and burning. Here Moses has an encounter with God.

One important lesson that comes out of this story is that we should never tell God what we can and cannot do. Moses clearly is in the last stage of his life. He will live to be a strong 120 years old. He's 80 years old now. Two-thirds of his life is over, and for Moses, most of it seems to have been misspent. Yet God has a mission for Moses.

God has a mission for all of us. God's call was not rescinded when we turned 65. Or 70. Or when we had a retirement party. In fact, in the New Testament, the apostle Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29).

Spend some time this week thinking about God's call and God's mission for you. Yes, your circumstances have no doubt changed compared to what they were 20 years ago. So how does God expect you to carry out your mission today? Think about it. Pray about it.

Prayer: O God, I can't do much. Really, I can't do much. But I can do something. And I can BE someone. Isn't that enough? If not, show me the way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of August 31, 2008

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Galatians 4-6

Monday: 1 Chronicles 4-6

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 7-9

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 10-13

Thursday: 1 Chronicles 14-16

Friday: 1 Chronicles 17-19

Saturday: Psalms 94-96

Geography 101

Discover the country that should be matched to each flag below. First unscramble the country words, then see if you can match them with the correct flags.

Answers below.

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2. EKUTYR

3. ENEDWS

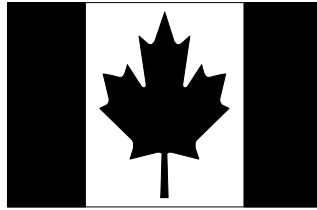
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5. NAAJP

6. NNAAIETGR

7. PTYGE

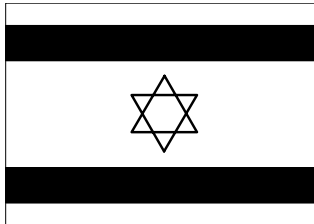
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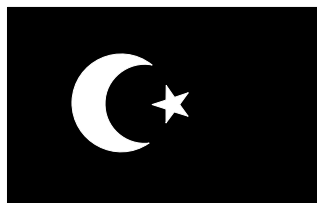
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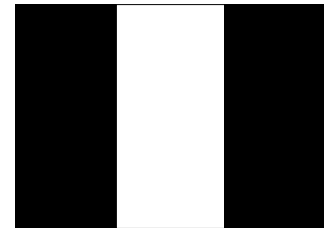
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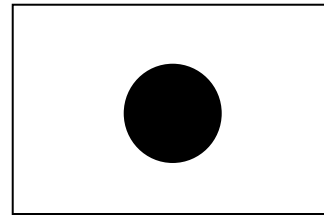
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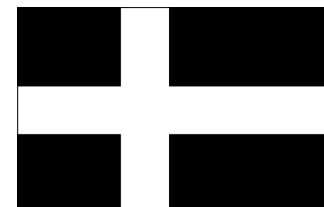
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ANSWERS:

- 1A = Canada
- 2G = Turkey
- 3H = Sweden
- 4E = Israel
- 5F = Japan
- 6B = Argentina
- 7C = Egypt
- 8D = France