

## THE 7 REALITIES OF EXPERIENCING GOD

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

John 15:5 (NIV)

❖ Reality No. 1 - God is always at work around you.

*The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup>God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup>So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.*

Exodus 2:23-25 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: God is always working to REDEEM people back to Himself.

*"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."... <sup>19</sup>"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these."*

John 5:17, 19-20 (NIV)

❖ Reality No. 2 - God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

*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. <sup>2</sup>There 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. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up." <sup>4</sup>When 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." <sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>Then 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.*

Exodus 3:1-6 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: God had a plan for Moses and He has a LOVING PLAN for you.

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins...<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.*

1 John 4:9-10, 19 (NIV)

❖ Reality No. 3 - God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

*The 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. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the home*

of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

<sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:7-10 (NIV)

- Key Truth: God wants to use you in a powerful way to FULFILL His PURPOSE.  
*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

- ❖ Reality No. 4 - God speaks by the Holy Spirit, through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.

*God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."*

Exodus 3:15 (NIV)

- Key Truth: When God speaks, it is always with His PURPOSE for you in mind.  
*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.*

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

- ❖ Reality No. 5 - God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

Moses' Crisis of Belief (Exodus 3:11-4:13)

- But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
- Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' 'Then what shall I tell them?'
- Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'
- Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."
- But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

- Key Truth: The real crisis is, "Do we BELIEVE God can USE US?"  
*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

- ❖ Reality No. 6 - You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing. *Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."... <sup>20</sup>So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.*

Exodus 4:18, 20 (NIV)

- Key Truth: Accepting God's call on your life leads to MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS. *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

- ❖ Reality No. 7 - You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

*Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, <sup>30</sup>and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, <sup>31</sup>and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.*

Exodus 4:29-31 (NIV)

- Key Truth: God wants to do LIFE CHANGING things in and through you. *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)