

Introduction to Experiencing God – 7 Realities
Exodus 3:1-11 (NLT)

❖ The Truth of Today:

- You can KNOW and DO the will of God.

❖ To Know and Do God's Will, You Must Know:

Reality #1 – God is ALWAYS at work.

Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.

Exodus 2:23-25 (NLT)

Truth #1 – God is always working to redeem His people.

But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I."

John 5:17 (NLT)

"For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished."

John 5:20 (NLT)

Reality #2 – God DESIREs a love relationship with you.

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. ³"This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." ⁴When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. ⁵"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:1-6 (NLT)

Truth #2 – God pursues you out of love to have a relationship with Him.

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

Reality #3 – God INVITES you to join Him in His work.

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. ⁹Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:7-10 (NLT)

Truth #3 – God's invitation is for you to fulfill His purpose.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Reality #4 – God SPEAKS to you daily.

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you."

Exodus 3:15 (NLT)

Truth #4 – When God speaks, it is always with His purpose in mind.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

John 10:27-28 (ESV)

Reality #5 – Following God's Plan always leads to a CRISIS of BELIEF.

But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:11 (NLT)

God answered, "I will be with you."

Exodus 3:12a (NLT)

But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

Exodus 3:13 (NLT)

God replied to Moses, "I am who I am."

Exodus 3:14a (NLT)

But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The Lord never appeared to you'?"

Exodus 4:1 (NLT)

Then the Lord asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.³ "Throw it down on the ground," the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back.

Exodus 4:2-3 (NLT)

But Moses pleaded with the Lord, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words."

Exodus 4:10 (NLT)

But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

Exodus 4:13 (NLT)

Then the Lord became angry with Moses. "All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you."

Exodus 4:14 (NLT)

Truth #5 – A crisis of belief always requires faith to respond.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

James 2:18 (NLT)

Reality #6 – Following God's plan will require MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS in your life.

So Moses went back home to Jethro, his father-in-law. "Please let me return to my relatives in Egypt," Moses said. "I don't even know if they are still alive."

Exodus 4:18 (NLT)

Truth #6 – God always knows what is ahead of you.

"Go in peace," Jethro replied.¹⁹ Before Moses left Midian, the Lord said to him, "Return to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you have died."

Exodus 4:18b-19 (NLT)

Reality #7 – You personally experience God through personal OBEDIENCE.

Then Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called all the elders of Israel together.³⁰ Aaron told them everything the Lord had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched.³¹ Then the people of Israel were convinced that the Lord had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Exodus 4:29-31 (NLT)

Truth #7 – The more you experience God, the more life-changing experiences happen in you and through you.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)