



Called To Communion

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Key Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NKJV)

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Time With God

God has called us into close companionship with Himself. He wants to spend time with us, and He made a way through the blood of Jesus. In the busyness of life, we are too easily pulled away from time with the Lord as other things take priority. However, when we press through distractions, weights, and cares to commune with the Holy Spirit our faith matures in the knowledge of God.

Gaining Momentum In Daily Dominion

- 1. The more time we spend with God the more we know Him.**
 - a. Paul desired to know God, prioritizing Him above all else (Philippians 3:10-14).
 - i. He wanted to know Jesus.
 - ii. He wanted to know the fellowship of His suffering.
 - iii. He wanted to know the power of His resurrection.
 - b. God is calling us to close companionship (1 Corinthians 1:9 AMPC).
 - i. Jesus said to abide, or remain, in Him, the vine (John 15:4-7).
 - c. Many times, we only visit God and abide in everything else.
 - i. If we take time to spend with God, He will take time with us (James 4:8).
- 2. We press through obstacles to spend time with God.**
 - a. There are obstacles of distractions and cares we must press through to spend time with the Lord.
 - b. God rewards those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).
 - c. We are called to put God first, before all else (Matthew 6:33).
 - i. It is important to drop the things that are stealing our time with God.
- 3. Encounters in communion with God can change us forever.**
 - a. Moses had an encounter and freed God’s people from Egypt (a powerful nation).
 - b. After David encountered God, he led Israel in many victories.
 - c. When Isaiah encountered God, he was called to be a prophet to the nations.
 - d. Saul became Paul after encountering God and wrote most the New Testament.
- 4. There is no such thing as long-distance faith.**
 - a. God made a way for us to come close to Him with boldness (Hebrews 4:16).
 - b. Only the high priest was allowed to meet with God, and only once a year (Exodus 25:22). Now, faith in Jesus’ blood qualifies all of us to meet with God anytime (Romans 3:25-27).
 - c. As we draw near we will be able to hear, and things will become clear.

Supportive Scriptures

- **Philippians 3:10-14** (Paul desired to know God above all else.)
- **1 Corinthians 1:9** (God has called us to close companionship with Him.)
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** (Paul prays for believers to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.)
- **John 15:4-7** (Jesus calls us to abide in Him, in the vine.)
- **James 4:8** (If we draw near to God He will draw near to us.)
- **Hebrews 11:6** (God rewards those who diligently seek Him.)
- **Matthew 6:33** (Seek first the kingdom of God.)
- **Genesis 19:27** (Abraham stood before the Lord.)
- **Hebrews 4:16** (We can come boldly before God's throne of grace.)
- **Romans 3:25-27** (Faith in Jesus' blood qualifies us to meet with God.)
- **Hebrews 10:19-22** (We can draw near to God with full assurance of faith.)