

EXPERIENCING GOD

Reality 1: God is always **at work** around **you**.

Reality 2: God **pursues** a continuing **love** relationship **with you** that is real and **personal**.

Reality 3: God **invites** you to become **involved** with him in His **work**.

Reality 4: God **speaks** by the **Holy Spirit** through the Bible, **prayer**, **circumstances**, and the church to **reveal** Himself, His purposes and His **ways**.

Reality 5: "Crisis of Belief"

God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action

The word crisis comes from a Greek word that means decision or judgment.

(1) **A Turning Point**

The way I live my life is a testimony of what I believe about God.

Exodus 4:10-16

When God tells me what He wants to do through me, I will face a crisis of belief.

(2) **Encounters with God require faith**.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Matthew 17:20-21

“... For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

And my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

What I believe about God will determine what I do.

(3) Encounters with God Are God-sized.

(4) What You Do Reveals what you believe about God.

What I do reveals what I believe about God, regardless of what I say.

(5) True Faith Requires action

Discussion Questions

1. What do your hesitations and excuses reveal about your belief in God?
2. In what areas of your life have you been overcomplicating God's will or feeling confused about what He wants you to do?
3. In what specific ways have you been comparing your circumstances (or abilities, like Moses) to other people's lives (or abilities)?
4. What has God called you to do that will be impossible to accomplish unless God miraculously intervenes?
5. How have you been experiencing God through this study?

Next week's Memory Verse

Luke 14:33

Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.