

Experiencing God Together

“Experiencing God Through Watching and Obeying”

John 5:19-20 – September 14, 2025

Our Sermon Series

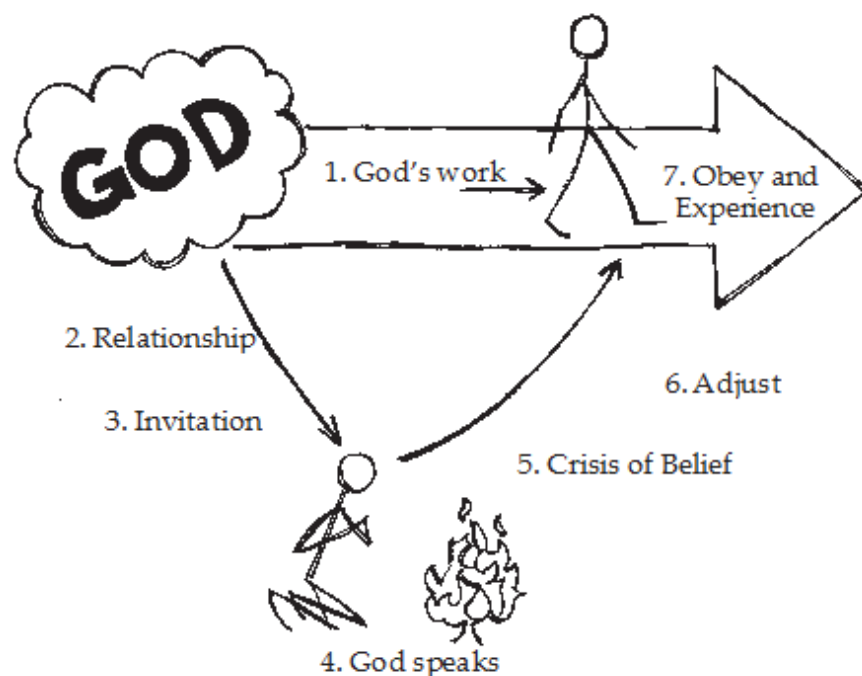
40 DAYS OF EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER		
A Journey to Encounter the Living God Together		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
Aug 17	Experiencing God Through Community	Acts 1-2
Aug 24	Experiencing God Through His Word	Psalms 19:7-14
Aug 31	Experiencing God Through Prayer	Acts 12:1-19
Sept 7	Experiencing God Through Worship (Jimmy Needham)	Acts 16:16-34
Sept 14	Experiencing God Through Watching and Obeying	John 5:19-20
Sept 21	Experiencing God Through Faith Sharing	Acts 1:6-11
Sept 28	Experiencing God as a Family	Joshua 24:15

Today's Message in One Sentence

We experience God as we **watch** for what He is doing and then obey and **join** Him.

- This was modeled for us by Jesus – **John 5:19-20**
- Jesus watched to see where the Father was at work and joined Him.
- **Our job is to watch to see where God is working and join Him!**
- Henry Blackaby: “The question, ‘What is God’s will for my life?’ is NOT the right question. The right question is, ‘What is God’s will (period)?’ Once I know God’s will, then I can adjust my life to Him. Once I know what God is doing, then I know what I need to do. The focus needs to be on GOD, not my life!”
- Rick Warren: “It’s not about you. The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It’s far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose.”
- Claude King: “We are always asking God for a detailed road map. We say, ‘Lord, if You could just tell me where I am heading, then I will be able to set my course and go.’ God says, ‘You don’t need to. What you need to do is follow Me one day at a time.’ Jesus said, ‘I am the way.’ If I follow Jesus one day at a time, then I will be right in the center of God’s will for my life.”
- **We experience God as we watch for what He is doing and then obey and join Him.**
- Stories: Starting GF. Adopting UPGs. Promise Keepers. Men’s Retreat.

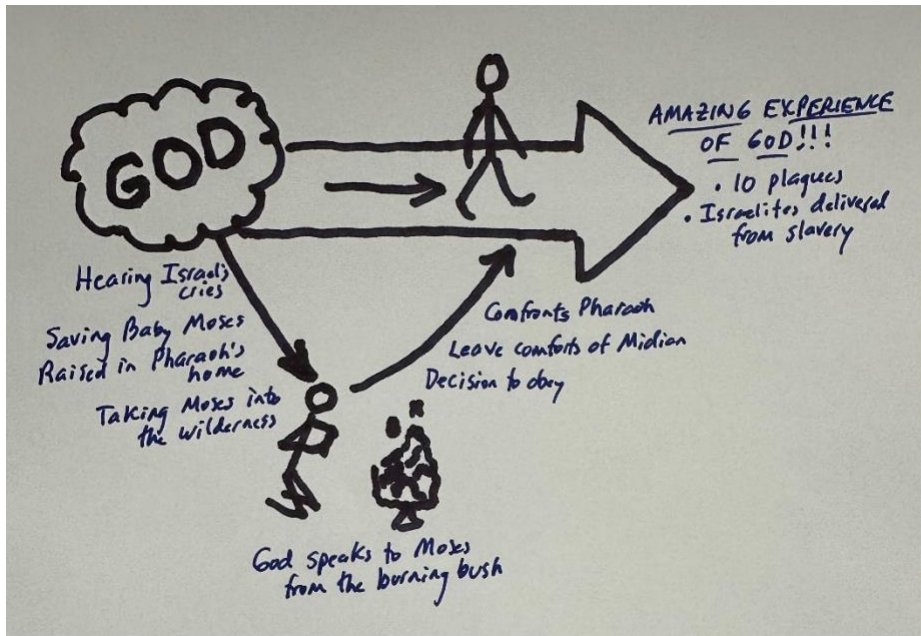
“Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby



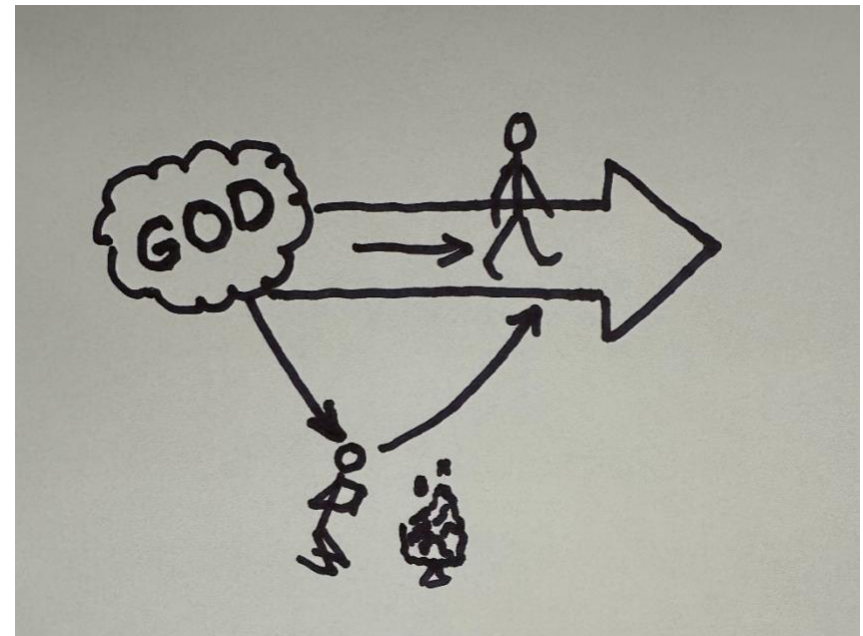
Seven Realities of Experiencing God

1. **God at work** – God is always at work around you.
2. **Relationship** – God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. **Invitation** – God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. **God speaks** – God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
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.
6. **Adjust** – You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. **Obey and experience** – You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and as He accomplishes His work through you.

How Moses Experienced God (Book of Exodus)



1. **God at work** – God was already at work around Moses by hearing the cries of the Israelites, saving Moses as a baby, raising Moses in Pharaoh's household, and taking Moses into the wilderness.
2. **Relationship** – God pursued a continuing love relationship with Moses that was real and personal.
3. **Invitation** – God invited Moses to become involved with Him in His work of setting the Israelites free. God got Moses' attention through a burning bush on Mt. Sinai.
4. **God speaks** – God spoke to Moses through the burning bush to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways. God revealed His name to Moses. God revealed His plan to Moses for setting the Israelites free.
5. **Crisis of belief** – God's invitation for Moses to work with Him led to a crisis of belief that required faith and action. Moses had to decide whether to obey what God told him through the burning bush.
6. **Adjust** – Moses had to make major adjustments in his life to join God in what He was doing. Moses had to leave the comfort of living with his father-in-law in Midian, and he had to risk going back to Egypt and confronting Pharaoh.
7. **Obey and experience** – Moses came to know God by experience as he obeyed God and as God accomplished His work through Moses sending the 10 plagues, defeating Egypt, and setting the Jewish people free.



1. Where do you see God already at work around you?
2. How do you hear God speaking to you and inviting you to join Him in His work?
3. Will you believe Him and say yes? Will you obey?
4. What adjustments do you need to make in order to join God in what He is doing?

What Could Happen If...

- ☐ You watched for what God is doing and joined Him today?
- ☐ You watched for what God is doing and joined Him every day?
- ☐ A whole congregation of people watched for what God is doing and joined Him as a lifestyle?



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For the next 5 years, let's live a lifestyle of individually and corporately watching to see what God is doing and joining Him.

How is God Inviting You Into an Experience of Him?