

As we close this series, we remember that we are discussing the most important thing in life: experiencing God! There is nothing more important than this.

- **In the first 4 weeks, we discussed what God is doing:** 1) He's working. 2) He's pursuing a love relationship with us. 3) He's inviting us in. 4) He's speaking to us.
- **The last 3 weeks we're looking at our part:** 1) Face our crisis of disbelief. 2) Make adjustments.

Today we are discussing what we do ongoing to experience God: _____

- **God Calls Us To Obedience**

- o In Reality 2, we discussed the relationship God desires to have with us—a love relationship.

Exodus 19:5 (NLT) Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me.

- o This is a common theme in scripture: (**Deuteronomy 11:1, John 14:15, 2 John 1:6**)

- **Obedience without love is _____**

- **Our obedience is for _____**

- o Obedience always leads to Christ-likeness. That's God's goal for us because it's good for us and those around us.
- o God won't change your character to become like Jesus all at once—it's a process.
- o Your response to God will affect what He does next in your life.
 - God won't take shortcuts in producing Christ-likeness in you. He will take as long as necessary and go at the speed that is best.

- **Our enemy will try to _____ us from obedience.**

- o It's easy to become distracted or discouraged in our Christian life. Our enemy will put whatever he can in front of us in order to get us off course.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

- o Satan will subtly distract you from the things of God if it has the same result as overtly destroying your faith.
- o Whatever we focus on most becomes the dominant influence in our life. Is it problems, people, or Jesus?

- **We get to be a part of _____ when we walk in obedience.**
 - o Just some of the biblical characters who were a part of amazing God things:
 - Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Esther, Jesus, Peter, Paul
 - o Examples of more recent stories:
 - Corrie ten Boom, Billy Graham
 - o We've been a part of many amazing things at Real Life!
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- **The amazing things we get to be a part of don't come without _____**
 - o Just some of the biblical characters who suffered incredibly difficult trials:
 - Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Esther, Jesus, Peter, Paul
 - o Examples of more recent stories:
 - Corrie ten Boom, Billy Graham
 - o We've had many difficult times at Real Life
 - Part of experiencing God is experiencing Him when He shows up in difficult circumstances and provides exactly what we need. Just because you are going through a difficult time doesn't mean God has abandoned you or doesn't have a plan for you.
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NEXT STEPS Commitment – Experiencing God

As the Experiencing God series comes to a close, experiencing God in the midst of every day does not end. Think about the questions below and how they apply to a specific course of action God is calling you to.

- Where is God inviting you to join Him in what He is doing?
- What adjustments will you make to join Him?

What **commitment** is God calling you to? You might choose one of the suggestions below. Add an **action plan** with specific steps.

- ◇ Believe that God exists and is always at work. Share with someone your newfound belief.
 - ◇ Commit to consistently engage with God in relationship.
 - ◇ Seek to be God-centered not self-centered; look for Him at work.
 - ◇ Actively listen for God's Spirit speaking to you through His Word, prayer, His people, and circumstances.
 - ◇ Wrestle with what requires faith and action on your part. Be real, honest, and move toward action.
 - ◇ Make the adjustments God has asked you to make in order to join Him in what He is doing. Identify specific adjustments and act.
 - ◇ Recognize and share how you are experiencing God as you obey Him.
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