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## 7 TRUTHS FROM EXPERIENCING GOD

### Monday: God is at Work Around You

John 6:44 No one can come to me [Jesus] unless the Father who sent me draws him."

To live a God-centered life, you must focus your life on God's purposes and not on your own plans. You must seek God's perspective in your circumstances rather than your own distorted human outlook. When God starts to do something in the world, He takes the initiative to reveal His will to people. For some divine reason He has chosen to involve His people in accomplishing His purpose. Understanding what God is about to do where you are is more important than telling God what you want to do for Him. (pg. 9 in *7 Truths From Experiencing God* by Blackaby & King)

### Tuesday: God Pursues A Love Relationship With You

John 3:16 For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

No matter what your circumstances are, God's love never changes. The cross, the death of Jesus Christ, and His resurrection are God's final, total, and complete expression of His love for you. Never allow your heart to question God's love. Settle it on the front end of your desire to know Him and experience Him. He loves you. He created you for a love relationship. He has been pursuing you in that love relationship. Every encounter He has with you is an expression of His love for you. (p. 18, *ibid*)

### Wednesday: God Invites You to Join Him/God Speaks To You

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Sometimes God tries to get our attention by revealing where He is at work. We see it, but we do not immediately identify it as His activity. We say to ourselves, "I don't know whether or not God wants me to get involved here. I had better pray about it." By the time we pray, the opportunity to join God is gone. a tender, sensitive heart will be ready to respond to God at the slightest prompting. God makes your heart tender and sensitive in the love relationship so you are in tune with what is on His heart for the circumstances around you.... Frequently, the reason we do not join God is because we are not committed to join Him. We want God to bless us not to work through us. (p. 23 & 27, *ibid*)

### Thursday: Your Crisis of Belief

Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

The word *crisis* comes from a Greek word that means decision or judgment. A crisis of belief is not a calamity in your life but a turning point where you must make a decision. You must decide what you truly believe about God. The way you respond at this turning point will determine whether you become involved with God in something God-sized that only He can do or whether you continue to go your own way and miss what He has purposed for your life. This is not a one-time experience. It is a regular occurrence. (p. 36, *ibid*)

### Friday: You Must Adjust Your Life

Mark 10:21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said, "One thing you lack: go sell all you possess and give to the poor,... and come, follow Me."

God frequently requires adjustments in areas of your life that you have never considered or been open to in the past.... God is not looking for ways to make your life difficult. However, He intends to be the Lord of your life. When you identify a place where you refuse to allow His lordship, that is where He will go to work.... You don't adjust your life to a concept. You align your life to God. You alter your viewpoints to resemble His. You change your ways to be like His ways. (p. 45-46, *ibid*)