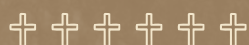


CONNECT *with* GOD



A YEAR OF
ENCOUNTERS & VISITATIONS
2026

7 DAYS *of*
EXPRESSION



Daily Encounter Guide

Daily Encounters are the greatest way to spiritually grow as a disciple of Jesus.

God invites us to meet with Him daily. Just as Israel gathered manna every morning, God teaches us to live in daily dependence, obedience, and intimacy with Him. Daily Encounters are daily discipleship. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, obeys Him, and builds their life around Him every day. Discipleship is formed through repetition, obedience, intimacy, and trust, not information alone.

1. SET AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

Daily encounters begin with intention.

- Choose a **daily time**
- Choose a **daily place**
- Remove distractions
- Expect resistance, and show up anyway

Have an appointment with the Lord every day.

2. WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT

Begin by inviting God's presence. Pray:

- "Holy Spirit, You are welcome here."
- "No spirit but the Holy Spirit is welcome."
- "Give me ears to hear."
- "Teach me."
- "Speak, Lord."

3. WORSHIP

Minister to God's heart before asking for anything.

- Play worship music
- Sing, speak, or sit in reverence
- Thank God for who He is. (Ps. 110:4)

4. PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus gave us a daily prayer framework.

Pray slowly and intentionally:

- **"Our Father in heaven..."**
Declare God's holiness.
- **"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done..."**
Surrender your will to His.
- **"Give us this day our daily bread..."**
Ask God for what you need today.
- **"Forgive us our debts..."**
Repent and receive grace.
- **"As we forgive our debtors..."**
Forgive people by name.
- **"Lead us not into temptation..."**
Ask for strength and protection.
- **"Deliver us from evil..."**
Declare victory in Christ.

5. PERSONAL PRAYER LIST

Pray intentionally for:

- Yourself
- Your family
- Your friends
- Your workplace
- Your city
- Your church & leaders
- The Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)
- + Add your own

6. READ THE WORD (DAILY BREAD)

God's Word was meant to be encountered daily, not occasionally.

Suggested Reading Plans:

- **15-Minute Plan**
1 Psalm, 1 Proverb, 1 Gospel
- **30-Minute Plan**
1 Psalm, 1 Proverb, 1 Gospel,
1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament,
1 Revelation

7. GIVE GOD ROOM TO SPEAK

Slow down. Listen. Pray:

- "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."
- Be still
- Write down what you sense
- Pay attention to Scripture, impressions, or the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

8. ASK HIM TO TEACH YOU HIS WAYS

God desires to form you, not just inform you. Pray:

- "Teach me Your ways."
- "I want what You want, show me what You want."
- Repeat what God says out loud.
- Obey what He reveals.

9. CLOSE WITH THE PRAYER OF ENCOUNTERS



PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!

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You can connect with God through Expression. When you express through creativity, you are beholding your Creator and reflecting His image.

Expression is more than creativity; it is communion with God through what you create. You feel closest to God when you commune with Him while creating, whether through writing, drawing, painting, music, dancing, building, speaking, filming, designing, or any form of creative expression. Sometimes you create during your encounter with God, and other times you create after hearing from Him. As you create, you slow down to hear His voice, receive revelation, and partner with the Holy Spirit.

Humanity was created for expression. The question is not whether we will express ourselves, the question is who our expression glorifies. At Babel, humanity used expression to glorify themselves. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit redeemed human expression to glorify God.

Expression begins with the nature of God Himself. The first thing Scripture reveals about God is not that He is judge, king, or warrior, but Creator. Because God creates, humanity was created to create with Him. Creativity is not secular by nature. Creativity originated in God.

When you create with God, there is surrender, communion, intimacy, and closeness. Expression becomes a place where God brings healing, revelation, freedom, wisdom, and fresh ideas. As you behold the Creator, you reflect His nature.

Expression without surrender eventually becomes self-glorification. But when the Holy Spirit fills expression, it becomes worship, encounter, communion, and glorification of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit redeems human expression. He fills people with power, intimacy, boldness, holiness, and encounter. Expression becomes holy when it exists for the glory of God.

7 DAYS *of* EXPRESSION

Day 1: Humanity Was Created for Expression

Day 2: Expression Without Surrender

Day 3: Babel or Pentecost?

Day 4: The Holy Spirit Redeems Human Expression

Day 5: Spirit-to-Spirit Communion

Day 6: Expression Follows Encounter

Day 7: Expression Exists for the Glory of God

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BABEL & PENTECOST

GENESIS 11:1-9; ACTS 2:1-4, 12-13

After the flood in the early generations of humanity, people united in the land of Shinar (Babylon) with one language and shared culture. Instead of spreading throughout the earth as God commanded, humanity used creativity, expression, language, and innovation to build the Tower of Babel in order to glorify themselves and “make a name” for humanity apart from God. Babel became a picture of pride, rebellion, and self-glorification through human expression.

Centuries later, around AD 30–33 during the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon believers after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. At Pentecost, God redeemed what Babel fractured. Humanity once used language for rebellion, but now the Holy Spirit filled believers and used human expression, speech, and tongues to glorify God and proclaim His mighty works. Pentecost marked the birth and empowerment of the New Testament Church through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

BIBLICAL ROOT WORDS FOR SOLITUDE:

HEBREW:

בָּרָא (bara) — To create, bring into existence, form, originate, produce.

מְלָאכָה (mela-kah) — Creative work, artistry, design, craftsmanship, artisan work.

GREEK:

γλῶσσα (glōssa) — “tongue / language”

Speech, utterance, language, Spirit-empowered expression.

πνεῦμα (pneuma) — “spirit / breath / wind”

The Spirit of God, breath of God, divine empowerment and presence.

KEY FIGURES

- **The LORD (Yahweh)** - The eternal Creator and sustainer of all things, existing as one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created humanity for relationship with Himself and revealed His love, power, holiness, and redemption through Scripture and Jesus Christ
- **The Holy Spirit** - God, the Lord and giver of life, who empowers believers for service and witness, transforms lives into the image of Christ, and fills the Church with His presence, gifts, power, and spiritual communion.
- **The People of Babel** - Early unified humanity using creativity, language, and innovation apart from surrender to God in an attempt to glorify themselves.
- **The Apostles and Believers** - Followers of Jesus Christ who were filled with the Holy Spirit and became witnesses of God’s power, presence, and salvation to the nations.

You Were Created *for* Expression

DAY 1



Humanity was created for Expression. Because God is Creator, humanity was created to create with Him. Expression is part of the likeness of God within you. Throughout Scripture, people expressed worship through singing, dancing, writing, building, speaking, and creating before the Lord.

Your creativity, voice, gifts, and expression were never meant to glorify yourself. They were created to glorify God.

GENESIS 1:26-27; COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for creating me in Your likeness. Lead me to glorify You in all that I do.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Create something today unto the Lord.

Thank God for the gifts and creativity He has given you.

Ask God how your expression can glorify Him.

Expression Without Surrender



DAY 2



At Babel, humanity used creativity, unity, and expression to make a name for themselves. The issue was not the creativity, the issue was the pride behind it. Expression without surrender eventually becomes self-glorification.

The world still builds towers today through platforms, fame, influence, attention, and self-promotion. But God did not create expression to glorify man. -He created it to glorify Himself.

Surrender your expression to God. Let your gifts become worship instead of self-promotion.

GENESIS 11:4; ROMANS 1:25

PRAYER

Lord, forgive me for every place I have sought my own glory. I give You all the glory.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God if your expression has become self-focused.

Repent of pride and self-glorification.

Dedicate your gifts and creativity to God.

Glorify God Through Expression



DAY 3



At Babel, humanity tried to ascend to Heaven through pride and rebellion. At Pentecost, Heaven descended to humanity through the Holy Spirit. Babel represents expression disconnected from surrender. Pentecost represents expression redeemed by God.

Every person will choose one of two directions with their expression: self- glorification or glorifying God.

Choose surrender over rebellion. Choose the presence of God over building your own name.

GENESIS 11:1-9; ACTS 2:1-4

PRAYER

Lord, I pray less of me and more of You.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God what motivates your expression.

Surrender your ambitions to the Lord.

Spend time worshipping the Lord.

The Holy Spirit Redeems Expression

DAY 4



At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit redeemed what Babel fractured. The first thing the Holy Spirit touched was human speech. God filled people with Spirit-empowered expression that glorified Jesus.

The Holy Spirit still fills people today. He wants to redeem your voice, creativity, gifts, and expression for His glory.

Expression becomes holy when the Holy Spirit fills it.

ACTS 2:2-4; ACTS 2:11

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, fill me fresh
with Your presence.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Invite the Holy Spirit into
your creativity today..

Spend time worshipping
privately.

Ask the Holy Spirit to
glorify Jesus through
your life.

Expression Flows From Encounter



DAY 5



Tongues are Spirit-empowered speech that helps believers commune with God and strengthens their spirit. The goal is not merely to speak in tongues, the goal is to encounter God.

Prayer is more than words. It is communion with God. When you pray in the Spirit, your inner man is strengthened and your spirit becomes sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

God desires intimacy with you. He wants relationship, communion, and encounter.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:4; MARK 16:17



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, I choose to
commune with You.
Strengthen my spirit.



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Spend time praying in the
Spirit today.

Worship privately before
the Lord.

Journal what God speaks
to you.



Filled with *the* Holy Spirit



DAY 6



Throughout Scripture, people expressed outwardly because they encountered God inwardly. David danced before the Lord. People shouted, wept, prophesied, sang, and fell on their faces before God.

Expression is what happens when glory touches humanity. Encounters naturally produce expression.

Do not suppress what God is doing in your heart. Respond to Him with worship, gratitude, and surrender.

2 SAMUEL 6:14; PSALM 47:1; REVELATION 1:17

PRAYER

Lord, I want to move Your heart. Show me what would please You.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Worship God freely today.

Express gratitude openly before the Lord.

Respond outwardly to what God is doing inwardly.

Expression That Points *to* Jesus



DAY 7



At Babel they said, “Look what we built.” At Pentecost people declared the mighty works of God. True expression points attention upward, not inward.

Expression becomes holy when it exists for the glory of God. Your voice, creativity, gifts, platform, influence, and expression were all created to glorify Jesus.

Yield your entire life to God again. Let your expression become worship.

ACTS 2:11; COLOSSIANS 3:17; PSALM 19:1



PRAYER

Lord, I want my life to glorify You in all that I do.



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God what areas of your life need surrender.

Use your gifts to encourage and glorify Jesus.

Share with someone what God has been doing in your life.

What has God been revealing to me through expression this week?

(Worship, creativity, prayer, writing, music, speaking, or encounter.)

Have I been using expression to glorify myself or glorify God?

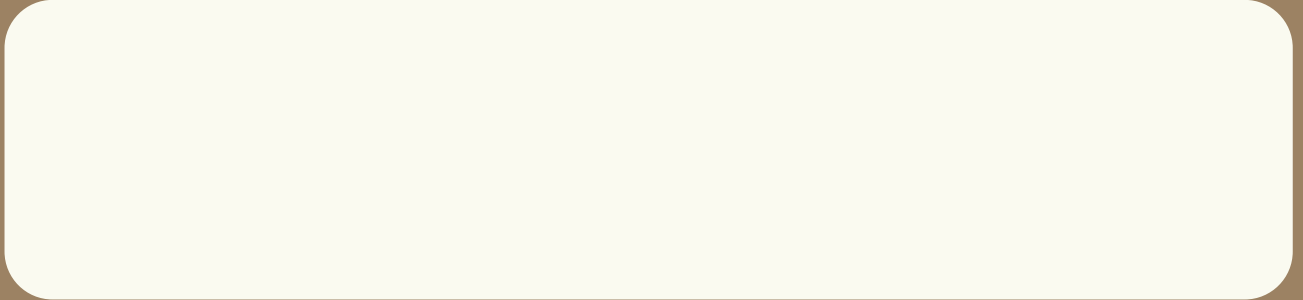
(Pride, attention, recognition, surrender, worship.)

What gifts, creativity, or expression has God given me?

(Voice, creativity, artistry, leadership, worship, communication.)

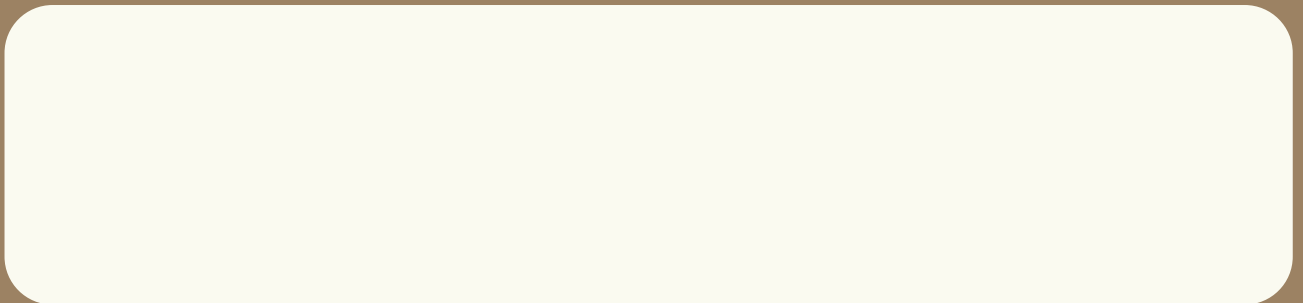
What areas of my life do I need to surrender to the Lord?

(Expression, ambition, platform, pride, influence, creativity.)



How will I continue to intentionally connect with God through Expression?

(Worship, creativity, prayer, serving, speaking, creating.)





THIS IS *Holy* GROUND