

A YEAR OF

ENCOUNTERS
20 & 26
VISITATIONS

You choose your Daily ENCOUNTER.
God chooses your Holy VISITATION.

DEFINE ENCOUNTER

Simple Definition: *Encounters* are intentional opportunities we choose to meet with God.

ENCOUNTERS

- Reveal God's presence
- Encounters are relational
- Change perception
- Encounters shape intimacy
- Require pursuit
- Are stewarded
- Happen when God comes near

EXAMPLES

- Genesis 28 - Jacob Wrestles with an angel of God
- 1 Samuel 3 - Samuel hears God
- Isaiah 6 - Isaiah in the throne room
- 1 Kings 18:20-39 - The story of Elijah

DEFINE VISITATION

Simple Definition: *Visitations* take place when we have encountered God. Now He wants to encounter us.

VISITATIONS

- Release God's purpose
- Visitations are directional
- Change purpose
- Visitations reshape assignment
- Require obedience
- We submit to the Lord
- God takes over

EXAMPLES

- Exodus 3:7-12 - The Burning Bush
- Luke 1-2 - The Incarnation
- Luke 24:13-35 - Road to Emmaus
- Acts 9 - Damascus Road
- Acts 2 - The Day of Pentecost
- John 20:19-23 - The Risen Jesus visiting the Disciples

DAILY ENCOUNTERS

5 Reasons to Encounter God

- You spiritually grow.
- You encounter God. 1 Samuel 3:9-10
- You experience deliverance. Psalm 31:1; Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46; John 1:14
- You receive wisdom and revelation. 1 Corinthians 2:16
- You receive direction. Proverbs 3:5-6

What Positions Us to Encounter God

- God's Sovereign Purpose Ephesians 1:9-11
- Passion (Desire) for God Jeremiah 29:13; Hebrews 11:6
- Humility Numbers 12:3; James 4:6
- Holiness Psalm 24:3-4; Isaiah 6:3
- Affliction (Trials of Life) Psalm 34:18

WARNING: Encounters never contradict biblical doctrine; they reinforce it!

***You choose your Daily Encounter.
God chooses your Holy Visitation!***

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- Am I creating space for daily encounters with God?
- Do I recognize when God is near, or am I distracted?
- Am I pursuing intimacy with God, or only direction?
- Have I stewarded past encounters well?

QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- What encounters are you inviting me into?
- Where are you calling me to turn aside and notice you?
- What area of my life are you asking me to obey you?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- What does a daily encounter with God look like in your life?
- How do you steward prophetic words and encounters?
- What does obedience look like after God speaks?

STEWARDED ENCOUNTERS:

- **Pray** the Prayer of Encounters!
- **Repent** to God for the times you have not prioritized Him.
- **Ask God** to teach you how to encounter Him deeper.
- **Keep a journal** and write down when He visits you and reveals something.



PRAAYER *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...

I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You...

Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!