

CONNECT *with* GOD



A YEAR OF
ENCOUNTERS & VISITATIONS
2026

7 DAYS *of*
LEARNING



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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HEBREW:

- **(Yada)** To know, to learn, to perceive, to experience relationally.
- **(Lamad)** To learn, to study, to be trained or taught.

GREEK:

- **(Epiginosko)** To know fully through personal participation and relationship
- **(Manthano)** To learn with responsibility and obedience.

KNOWLEDGE VS WISDOM

Knowledge is the accumulation of information.

Wisdom is the ability to apply truth with godly judgment.

Knowledge helps you know that a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom tells you not to put it in fruit salad.

THE YOKE OF THE RABBI

Matthew 11:28–30

In ancient Jewish culture, the “yoke of the rabbi” referred to a teacher’s interpretation of Scripture and way of life.

To take a rabbi’s yoke meant:

- accepting their teaching
- following their authority
- imitating their lifestyle

Disciples followed so closely that they were described as being covered in the dust of the rabbi.

Jesus invited people to take His yoke.

His yoke is not legalism. His yoke is relationship.

Learning from Jesus means walking closely with Him until His life shapes yours.

THE CAVE OF ADULLAM

1 Samuel 22:1–2

David gathered people who were:

- distressed
- in debt
- bitter in soul

These men became David’s mighty warriors.

Adullam became a place of transformation where broken people encountered God and were discipled into strength.

Hidden places often become training grounds for God’s purposes.

Learning Begins *with* Knowing God



DAY 1



LEARNING is one of the ways you connect with God. When God teaches you new revelation you did not know before, you are not just gaining information-you are encountering Him. The goal of learning is not simply to know more about God, but to know Him more personally. Every time the Holy Spirit opens your understanding of Scripture, God is inviting you into deeper relationship with Him.

As you read the Word today, approach it with expectation. Ask God to reveal something about His heart, His character, or His ways. When a verse, phrase, or idea stands out to you, pause there. The Holy Spirit may be inviting you to learn something new.

EXODUS 33:13; JEREMIAH 33:3

PRAYER

“Lord, teach me Your ways
that I may know You.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God to reveal
something new about
Himself today.

Read Scripture slowly.

Share with someone
something new you
learned about God today.

God Knows You



DAY 2



In Exodus 3, God tells Moses that He knows the suffering of His people. The Hebrew word used is *yada*, which means to know relationally and personally. God does not just observe your life from a distance—He sees you, understands you, and cares deeply about what you are experiencing. Learning begins with this truth: the God who teaches you is also the God who knows you completely.

As you encounter God today, invite Him into conversation. Talk to Him honestly about your struggles, questions, and hopes. Then open the Word and ask Him to show you something about His heart. Allow Him to remind you that He is present, personal, and involved in your life.

EXODUS 3:5-7; PSALM 139

PRAYER

“Lord, thank You for knowing me and caring about my life.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Tell God authentically what you are experiencing in life currently.

Identify in scripture what God is highlighting to you today.

Share with someone how what you have been learning in the Word applies to your life.

Depth *Over* Shallow Knowledge



DAY 3



Our world is full of information, but much of it is shallow. We scroll quickly, skim ideas, and move on before truth has time to shape us. Scripture warns about people who are “ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth.” God invites you into a different kind of learning—one that goes deep and leads to transformation.

Instead of rushing through Scripture today, slow down. When something catches your attention, stop and sit with it. Ask questions, look deeper, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. God often reveals powerful truths when you take the time to search and listen carefully.

2 TIMOTHY 3:7; PROVERBS 4:7

PRAYER

“Lord, give me a hunger for truth and wisdom..”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Study a word in a passage today.

Ask God what He wants to teach you through it.

Share with someone what God revealed to you.

Take My Yoke & Learn From Me

DAY 4



Jesus invites you with these words: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.” In His day, the “yoke of a rabbi” referred to a teacher’s way of understanding Scripture and living life. To take someone’s yoke meant choosing to follow their teaching and imitate their life. When Jesus invites you to take His yoke, He is inviting you into relationship and discipleship.

Learning from Jesus means walking closely with Him so His life shapes yours. His teaching brings freedom, rest, and clarity in a confusing world. As you spend time with Him today, ask what He wants to teach you about Him today.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

PRAYER

“Lord, I choose your yoke.
Lead me to be like you.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Surrender a burden to
God.

Ask God what He wants
to teach you today.

Share with someone
about the yoke of Jesus.

Covered in the Dust *of* Your Rabbi



DAY 5



In ancient Jewish culture, disciples followed their rabbi so closely that people would say they were “covered in the dust of the rabbi.” It was a picture of devotion and nearness. The disciple wanted to be so close to their teacher that they learned not only what he said, but how he lived. Jesus invites you into that same kind of closeness through the Holy Spirit.

Learning happens through proximity. The more time you spend with the Holy Spirit, reading His Word, listening for His voice, and walking with Him in daily life, the more His character begins to shape yours. Today, lean into that closeness. Ask Him to show you how to follow Him more closely in the decisions and moments of your day.

LUKE 6:40

PRAYER

“Lord, draw me close to You.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Pray in the Holy Spirit a little longer than usual today.

Be aware of the nearness of the Holy Spirit.

Share with someone about the nearness of Jesus.

From Cave *to* Calling



DAY 6



When David fled to the cave of Adullam, people who were distressed, in debt, and bitter in soul gathered around him. What looked like a cave of broken people became a place of transformation. Those same men later became known as David's mighty warriors. God often does His deepest work in hidden places.

If you are in a difficult season, it may feel like a cave, but God can use that place to form your character and strengthen your faith. As you learn from Him in this season, He is preparing you for what lies ahead. Ask God what He wants to teach you right now, even in the middle of uncertainty.

1 SAMUEL 22:1-2

PRAYER

"Lord, I trust you.
Transform me in this
season."

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God what He is
forming in you right now.

Take time to study what
things He is forming in
you.

Share with others what
God is revealing to you.

Learners *become* Burners



DAY 7



On the road to Emmaus, Jesus walked with two disciples and explained the Scriptures to them. Later they said, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road?” When Jesus taught them the Word, they connected with Him through learning. Truth moves from your mind into your heart, and passion for God begins to grow.

God wants your learning to lead to that kind of encounter. As you open the Bible today, ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you. When He does, respond with worship, gratitude, and obedience. The more you learn from Him, the more your heart will come alive in His presence.

LUKE 24:27-35

PRAYER

“Lord, open my eyes to see. Reveal Yourself to me. I want to burn for You.”

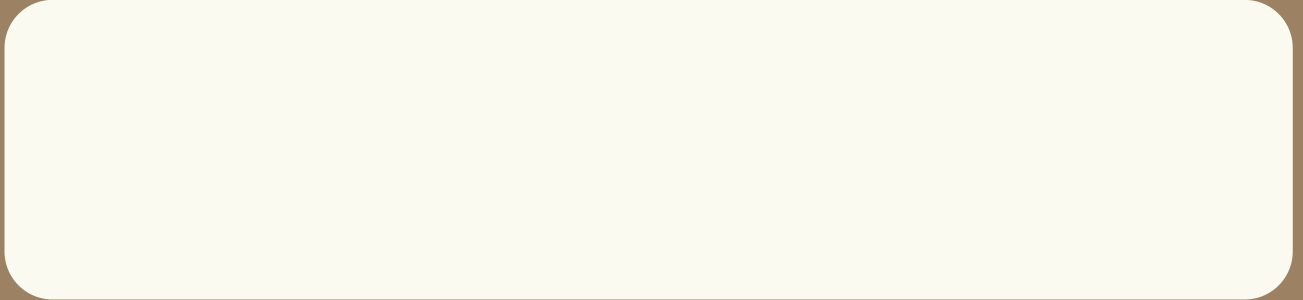
PRACTICAL *Advice*

Read a Gospel passage slowly.

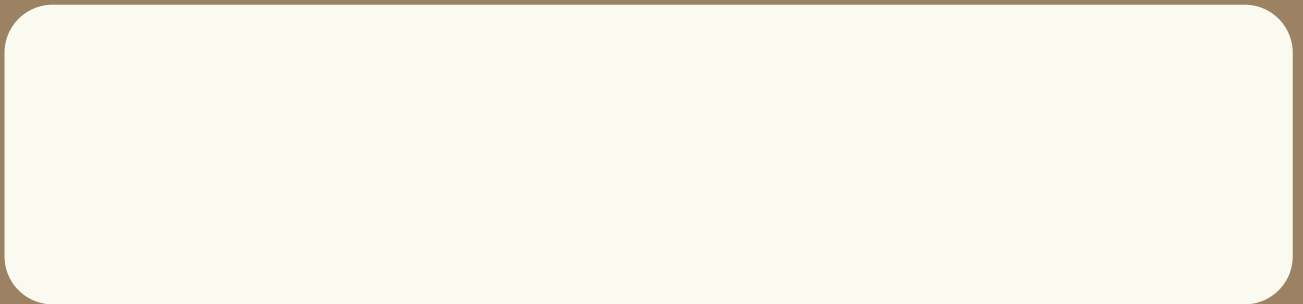
Ask Jesus to reveal Himself in the text.

Share what God has taught you this week with someone.

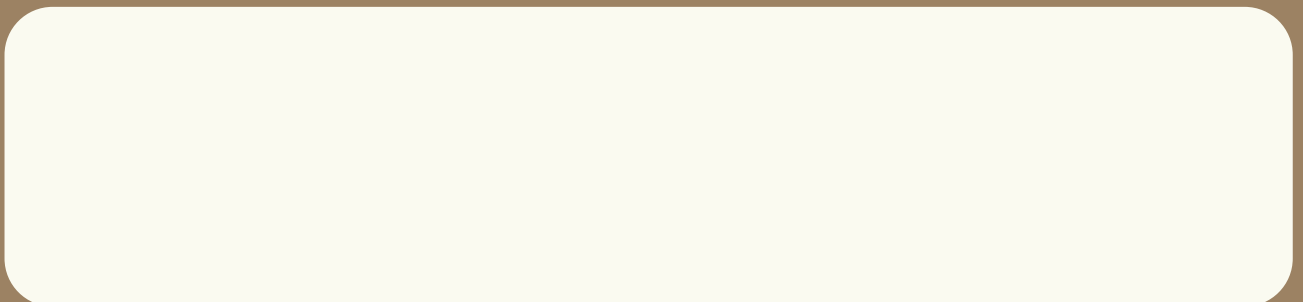
What revelation has God shown me this week?



What has God taught me about Himself?



What lesson is God teaching me right now?





THIS IS *Holy* GROUND