

A YEAR OF

ENCOUNTERS
20 & 26
VISITATIONS

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GOD CHOOSES YOUR HOLY VISITATION.

CONNECT WITH GOD

There is only one way to God, and it's through Jesus — but in Jesus, there are many ways to connect with God.

- Adoration
- Conversation
- Compassion
- Creation
- Expression
- Fasting
- Learning
- Meditation
- Movement
- Reformation
- Remembrance
- Solitude

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5 Reasons to Encounter God

- **You spiritually grow.**

Colossians 2:6-7

- **You encounter God.**

(1 Samuel 3:9-10)

- **You experience deliverance.**

(Psalm 31:1; Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46)

- **You receive wisdom and revelation.**

(1 Corinthians 2:16)

- **You receive direction.**

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What Positions Us to Encounter God

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- **God's Sovereign Purpose (Ephesians 1:9–11)**
- **Passion (Desire) for God (Jeremiah 29:13)**
- **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!**



Define Encounter

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*

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

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Define Visitations

Encounters

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

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*

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

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?

Stewarding Encounters:

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- **Pray** the Prayer of Encounters daily.
- **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.

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!