

CONNECT *with* GOD



A YEAR OF
ENCOUNTERS & VISITATIONS
2026

7 DAYS *of*
ADORATION



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!

Twenty Six



SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 6-7

This passage records David's journey to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. It reveals how adoration involves desire, reverence, obedience, freedom, and joy in God's presence.

KEY FIGURES:



- **THE LORD:** The holy and present, one, true living God whose dwelling place is represented by the Ark.
- **DAVID:** King of Israel and a worshiper whose heart is set on hosting God's presence.
- **CHOSEN MEN OF ISRAEL:** Thirty thousand men selected to accompany David on this journey.
- **ABINADAB:** The man in whose house the Ark had remained for many years.
- **UZZAH:** One who touched the Ark improperly and died, revealing God's holiness.
- **AHIO:** Son of Abinadab who guided the cart carrying the Ark.
- **THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL:** God's people rejoicing and worshipping as the Ark is moved.
- **OBED-EDOM:** The man whose household was blessed while the Ark remained with him.
- **MICHAL:** David's wife who observed David's worship and responded with criticism.



THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

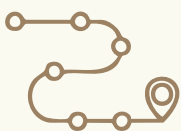
The Ark of the Covenant represents the manifest presence of God among His people. It was the place associated with God's glory, holiness, and covenant. The Ark carried the weight of God's presence and required reverence and obedience in how it was approached.

David's desire to bring the Ark to Jerusalem reflects a desire to center the nation around God's presence rather than power, productivity, or prestige.



TIMEFRAME OF THE NARRATIVE

Approx. 1000 BC - This event occurs after David has been established as king over all Israel.



JOURNEY OVERVIEW

The Ark is moved:

From the house of Abinadab —>

Temporarily placed at the house of Obed-Edom —>

Finally brought into the City of David, Jerusalem

A person is shown from the side, playing a piano. A microphone is positioned above the piano keys. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

Adoration Is Ministering *to* God's Heart



DAY 1



You can connect with God through **ADORATION** just as David did. When David set his heart to bring the Ark of God near, he was not performing for people; he was ministering to God's heart. His desire was not recognition, but the presence of God. When your love and affection is directed towards Jesus alone, you declare that He alone is worthy of your worship. Like David, adoration is expressed when you simply pour your affection on Him.

PSALM 27, 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5

PRAYER

"Lord, You are worthy of my love and devotion. I choose to pour out my affection toward You."

PRACTICAL
Advice

Ask yourself what is competing for your affection today.

Tell God out loud what you love about Him.

Share one thing you love about God with someone else.

Adoration Responds *to* God's Holiness



DAY 2



You grow in adoration as you respond to the holiness of God. When the Ark was first moved, David learned that God and His presence are not to be treated casually but approached with reverence and the fear of the LORD. To behold God rightly is to take your eyes off yourself and fix them on who He is. God is not common. There is no one like Him. He is holy, glorious, and worthy of honor. As you adore God, worship Him with reverence, awe, and the fear of the LORD.

PSALM 96, 2 SAMUEL 6:6-11

PRAYER

“Lord, You are holy. There is no one like you.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Pause and acknowledge God's holiness and greatness.

Honor God with reverence in your worship today.

Speak with honor and respect about God to someone else.

Adoration *without* Condition



DAY 3



When you connect with God through adoration, you simply adore God for who He is. David modeled this kind of continual adoration through his prayers, worship, and praise, honoring God at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of many seasons of his life. No matter the season or circumstance, David chose to adore God.

When the Ark was brought according to God's instructions, David responded by adoring God through sacrifice and dancing. His worship was not a response to an external outcome but a response to God being worthy of his praise. God is worthy of your adoration before He acts, while He is acting, and after He moves on your behalf.

PSALM 34, 2 SAMUEL 6:12-13

PRAYER

"Lord, I love You. I choose to adore You before you do anything. You alone are worthy."

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Process how you have responded to God in various season.

Tell God he is good over and over for one minute straight.

Encourage someone today by speaking of God's goodness.

Adoration *is* Authentic



DAY 4



To adore God is to act authentically before the LORD, not in perfection. Just as David was himself before the LORD, God invites you to come as you are and welcomes you where you are. There is nothing you need to do to get God's attention. You can simply love on Him.

David's worship was authentic before the LORD. He was not concerned with how others perceived him; he was focused on honoring God. As the Ark entered the city, David worshiped God with all he had. You do not need to find the perfect words to say to God; simply surrender your heart to Him. Come honestly before God and know that He desires your heart more than perfect expression.

PSALM 139; 2 SAMUEL 6:14-16

PRAYER

"Lord, I come to you as I am. I give you you myself. I want need You and want You more than anything else."

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask yourself, "How am I really doing right now?"

Invite God where you are and worship Him with your own words.

Find a moment to worship God with someone today.

Adoration *Brings* Transformation



DAY 5



The encounter with God can change everything. As David adored God, he was changed. Earlier, fear caused David to pause, but as he fixed his attention on the LORD, joy and confidence returned. When the Ark was brought according to God's instructions, David no longer stood back in fear; he responds in worship, offering sacrifices and hosting God's presence. You do not adore God in order to change, but as you fix your attention on Him, God transforms you. The byproduct of adoration is transformation, and that transformation becomes visible in how you live, worship, and bless others.

PSALM 34; 2 SAMUEL 6:9-18

PRAYER

"Lord, I look to You;
transform me. Give me
your heart and your
mind."

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask yourself, "Where have
you allowed fear to affect
you?"

Ask God what in you're
your heart needs to be
transformed.

Find a way to bless
someone today with
encouragement, prayer or
generosity.

Adoration *is a* Lifestyle



DAY 6



Adoration is not just for a moment but a way of life. After the Ark was established and God's presence was restored among His people, David's life became oriented around honoring the LORD. In this season, David does not just react to one encounter with God; he seeks the presence of God on a consistent basis. His desire is not simply to worship God occasionally, but to build his life in response to who God is.

David lived a life of adoration, and he led Israel to live this way as well. God's presence shaped David's decisions, his leadership, and his legacy. Adoration became a rhythm that marked everyday life, not just a celebration. When adoration becomes a lifestyle, your life begins to reflect continual devotion to God, and those around you are shaped by it too.

PSALM 145; 2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

PRAYER

"Lord, I choose to love
You every day. Let my life
reflect my love for You."

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Identify moments in
your day where you can
worship God.

Worship God using your
own words or song.

Share with someone
what you love about
worshiping God.

Adoration is *Enjoying*
God's Presence



DAY 7



Adoration is enjoying God's presence. After the Ark was restored and God's presence was established among His people, David no longer approached God from a distance. In 2 Samuel 7, David went in and sat before the LORD. He was not asking for anything. He was not performing. He was simply enjoying being with God.

David lived aware that God was near, and his adoration flowed from that awareness. He knew he had access to God's presence, and he responded by access it. Adoration became less about an action and more about relationship.

Today, you live with even greater access to God. As a Christian, you are a temple of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence dwells with you. Adoration is learning to enjoy God's presence throughout your day, responding to Him with love, attention, and gratitude as you live aware that He is near.

**PSALM 16; 2 SAMUEL 7:18-29;
1 CORINTHIANS 6:19**

PRAYER

"Lord, thank You for being near. I enjoy your presence."

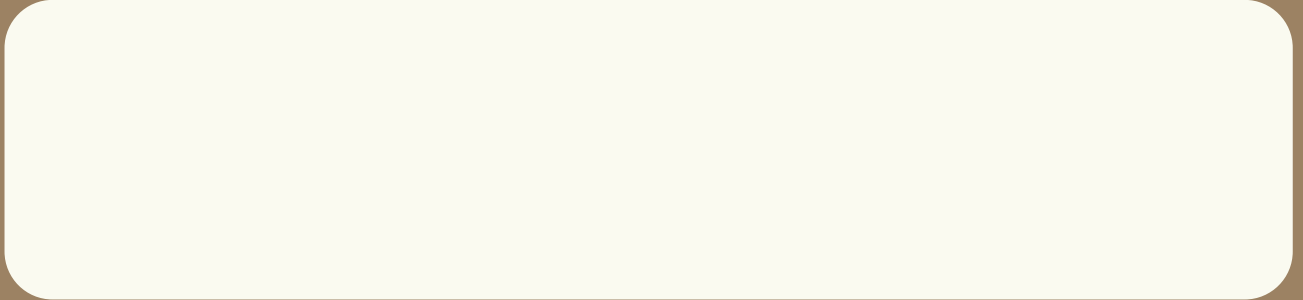
PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask yourself, "When was the last time you felt the nearness of God?"

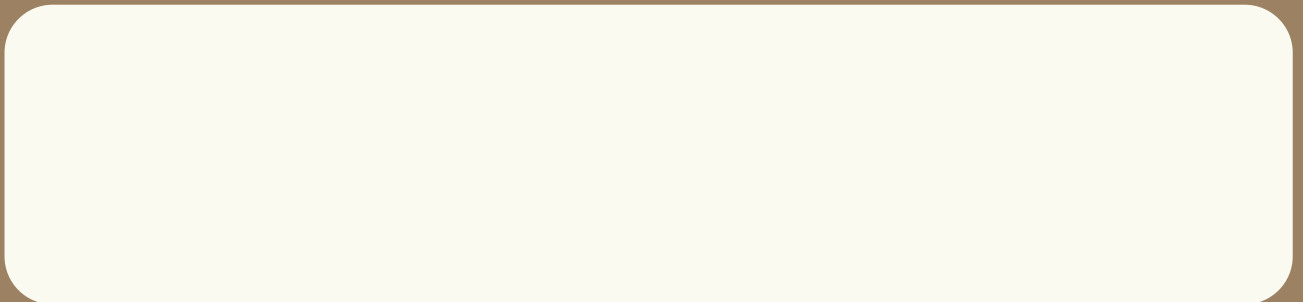
Tell God to "Come near".
Let HIM respond.

Share with someone today how the nearness of God has impacted you.

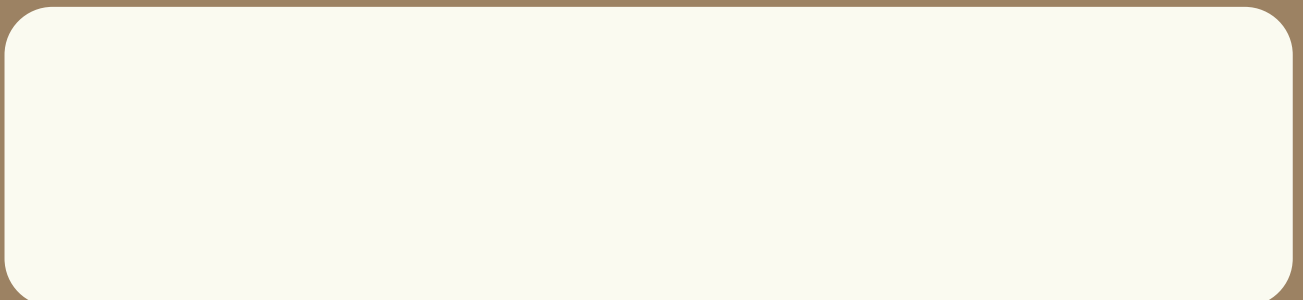
What has God revealed about my heart as I've connected with Him through adoration?



How has adoration reshaped what I love, value, or prioritize?



How can I intentionally connect with God through adoration consistently?





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