

CONNECT *with* GOD



A YEAR OF
ENCOUNTERS & VISITATIONS
2026

7 DAYS *of*
CREATION



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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Connecting with God through creation is sensing His presence, hearing His voice, or being moved to worship by being in what He created. Creation reveals the nature, beauty, power, and glory of God.

From the very beginning, creation has pointed humanity back to the Creator. Romans 1 teaches that God's invisible attributes are clearly seen through what He has made. The mountains, oceans, stars, trees, animals, and rhythms of nature all testify that He is real, powerful, intentional, and glorious. Creation is constantly preaching about God.



THE BURNING BUSH ENCOUNTER

EXODUS 3:1-6

This encounter takes place after Moses had spent forty years in the wilderness as a shepherd in Midian after fleeing Egypt. Israel was living in slavery under Pharaoh. Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai) was a desert mountain where God would later establish covenant with Israel and give Moses the Law. Shepherd was humble work, and Moses was living in obscurity when God revealed Himself through the burning bush.

BIBLICAL ROOT WORDS FOR CREATION:

HEBREW:

בָּרָא (bara) — To create or bring into existence. Used exclusively of God's creative acts in the Old Testament

GREEK:

κτίζω (ktizō) — To create, establish, form, or bring into existence.

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT CREATION

1. **Creation Testifies of God**
(Romans 1:19–20)
2. **Creation Glorifies God**
(Psalm 19:1; Psalm 148)
3. **Creation Connects Us to God**
(Colossians 1:16–17)

WARNING:

Creation should point you to the Creator, not replace Him.
(Romans 1:25)

OVERVIEW

Moses sees a bush burning without being consumed. As he turns aside to look, God calls his name from the bush and tells him to remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground. God reveals Himself and begins calling Moses into his assignment.

KEY FIGURES

- **Moses** - A prophet, deliverer, shepherd, and leader chosen by God to lead Israel out of slavery, establish covenant with God's people, and reveal God's presence, law, and ways to a generation.
- **Jethro** - Moses' father-in-law and priest of Midian.
- **The Angel of the LORD** - The divine messenger appearing in the burning bush.

Turning Aside *to* Encounter God



DAY 1



Moses encountered God because he turned aside to look at the burning bush. Many people miss holy moments because they are distracted, rushed, or unwilling to slow down. Encounter begins when you intentionally stop and pay attention to God's presence.

God wants to reveal Himself to you in ordinary moments. Like Moses, choose to turn aside and behold what God is doing around you.

EXODUS 3:1-5

PRAYER

Lord, show me what you are doing around me.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Spend intentional time outside today

Put away distractions for a few moments

Ask God to help you be aware of His presence

Creation Testifies *of* God



DAY 2



Creation reveals God's power, wisdom, and glory. Romans 1 teaches that God's invisible nature can clearly be seen through what He has made. The mountains, oceans, stars, trees, and skies all testify that God exists.

When you look at creation, let it strengthen your faith and remind you that nothing about this world is accidental. Creation points back to the Creator.

ROMANS 1:19-20; COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes to see Your glory through creation.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Pause and thank God for something He created

Look for details in creation that reveal God

Share with someone how creation reminds you of God

Worship the Creator, Not Creation



DAY 3



Romans 1 warns about worshiping created things instead of worshiping the Creator. God created the earth, stars, plants, animals, and every beautiful thing, but they were never meant to replace Him. Creation should lead you into worship, not become your object of worship.

Keep your heart centered on Jesus. Let creation point you to Him instead of pulling your affection away from Him.

ROMANS 1:25; REVELATION 5:13

PRAYER

Lord, you are the center of my worship.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Repent of anything that has become an idol in your life

Thank God for creation

Spend time worshiping Him out in Creation today

Join Creation's Worship

DAY 4



All creation glorifies God continually. The heavens declare His glory, trees clap their hands, seas praise Him, and even the rocks cry out in worship. Creation has been worshiping God since the beginning.

When you step into creation, you are stepping into ongoing worship. Join heaven and earth in glorifying God.

PSALM 19:1; ISAIAH 55:12; LUKE 19:37-40



PRAYER

Lord, I join in with all of creation to worship you.



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Worship God outside today

Read Psalm 148 aloud

Thank God for His greatness and glory

God Speaks Through Creation



DAY 5



Jesus constantly used creation to teach people about His Kingdom. Seeds, vineyards, storms, birds, fish, and harvests all carried spiritual lessons. Creation is filled with reminders of who God is and how His Kingdom works.

God still speaks through creation today. He can use ordinary moments in nature to encourage, teach, confirm, and reveal truth to you.

PSALM 19:1; MATTHEW 13:31-32

PRAYER

Lord, teach me through what You created.

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Ask God to speak to you through creation today

Journal what He highlights to you

Share with someone what God showed you

Invite God Into Everyday Moments



DAY 6



Connecting with God through creation often happens during ordinary activities like gardening, walking, swimming, sitting outside, or watching the sunrise. God wants relationship with you in your everyday life.

Invite God into your normal routines. Slow down and intentionally talk with Him during daily moments.

COLOSSIANS 3:17; EXODUS 3:1-6



PRAYER

Lord, come and be with me today.



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Invite God into an everyday activity today

Read your Bible and/
or write in your journal
outside

Talk with God while you
work, walk, or rest

Creation Leads You to Holy Ground



DAY 7



The burning bush became holy ground because God revealed Himself there. Creation can become a place of encounter when you recognize God's presence and respond to Him.

God still creates holy moments today. He wants to meet you, speak to you, and reveal Himself through what He has made.

EXODUS 3:4-6; PSALM 150:6



PRAYER

Lord, let my life become holy ground for Your presence.



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Spend time with God outside today

Ask God for fresh wonder and awe

Write down and respond to what God speaks to you

What has God revealed to me through creation this week?

(A moment, place, lesson, encounter, or reminder.)

Where have I sensed God's presence most strongly?

(Outside, in silence, gardening, walking, worship, nature, etc.)

How has creation pointed me back to worshipping God as the Creator?

(How has creation deepened my awe of God?)

What distractions keep me from slowing down and noticing God?

(Noise, hurry, technology, stress, busyness.)

What has God been teaching me through everyday moments?

(Seeds, seasons, weather, animals, rest, growth, waiting.)

How can I continue to connect with God through creation?

(Walking, gardening, journaling, silence, worship outside, slowing down.)

The image features a dark, textured background that resembles a night sky or a rocky surface. In the center, there is a large, golden, arched shape that looks like a stylized archway or a piece of parchment. Inside this arch, the text "THIS IS Holy GROUND" is written in a serif font. The word "Holy" is in a cursive script, while "THIS IS" and "GROUND" are in a bold, all-caps serif font. The overall composition is centered and symmetrical.

THIS IS *Holy* GROUND