

CONNECT *with* GOD



A YEAR OF
ENCOUNTERS & VISITATIONS
2026

7 DAYS *of*
CONVERSATION



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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GREEK:

- (προσεύχομαι – **proseuchomai**) To pray, to commune
To turn toward God and engage relationally with Him; not ritual, but personal communication.
- (θέλημα – **thelēma**) Will, desire, purpose
What God has determined and desires to be done; His intention and plan.
- (ἀκούω – **akouō**) To hear, listen, respond
Not passive hearing, but active listening that leads to obedience.

MATTHEW 26:36-46**Overview**

This moment takes place during Passover, on the night before Jesus' crucifixion, in the Garden of Gethsemane, just hours before His arrest. Jesus intentionally goes to a familiar place of prayer with His disciples, bringing Peter, James, and John deeper into a moment of intimacy. As He began to feel the weight of what was about to happen, He engaged in an authentic conversation with the Father where He expressed His desire, but ultimately surrendered to God's will. Though nothing around Him changed, the conversation brought alignment, clarity, and resolve, which prepared Him to walk in obedience to His assignment.

KEY FIGURES

Jesus - The Son of God and Savior of the world, who is fully God and fully man, and reveals perfect relationship with the Father.

The Father - God the Father; the sovereign authority whose will is perfect, purposeful, and eternal.

Peter - One of Jesus' twelve disciples; a close follower and leader among the Apostles.

James - One of the sons of Zebedee; a disciple within Jesus' inner circle.

John - The beloved disciple; a part of Jesus' inner circle and a witness to His life and teachings.

The Disciples - The followers of Jesus called to learn from Him and live according to His teaching.

The Cross was
not decided on
the hill; it was
settled in the
conversation.

**THREE FOUNDATIONS OF
CONVERSATION**

1. Turn toward God
2. Align with God's will
3. Hear and respond in obedience

Turning Toward God



DAY 1



Jesus went to Gethsemane intentionally. It was a familiar place where He spent time with His Father. Conversation with God begins when you turn toward the Father and find a place to meet with Him. Prayer is not random, it is choosing to move your attention, heart, and focus toward God for a set time.

Turn toward God today. Give Him your attention. Step away from distractions and engage Him intentionally.

MATTHEW 26:36; JAMES 4:8



PRAYER

“I draw near to You. I choose to focus on You.”



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Set aside intentional time to meet with God today.

Remove distractions.

Begin by welcoming the Holy Spirit and acknowledging Him.

Honest Conversation



DAY 2



Jesus said, “My soul is very sorrowful.” He brought His real emotions to the Father. Conversation with God includes authenticity; God meets you where you are, not through performance.

Bring your real, raw thoughts and emotions to God. Trust Him to be your safe place. Speak openly and trust Him with your heart.

**MATTHEW 26:38-39;
PSALM 62:8**



PRAYER

“Lord, You know me. You are my safe place.”



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Tell God what you are truly feeling today.

Write out a prayer to God.

Throughout the day, tell the Lord, “I need You.”

Surrendering *your* Will



DAY 3



Jesus prayed, “Not as I will, but as You will.”

Conversation is where your will is aligned with God’s will. Spiritual maturity is not getting your way, it is surrendering to God’s.

Bring your desires before God and submit them to Him. Choose His will above your own.

MATTHEW 26:39; ROMANS 12:2

PRAYER

“Father, I surrender my will.
I want what You want.”

PRACTICAL *Advice*

Identify something you want.

Surrender it to God.

Ask, “What do You want?”

Listening & Hearing



DAY 4



CONVERSATION with God is two-sided. You speak to God, and God speaks to you. To speak to God is to direct your words toward Him. To hear God is to give Him your attention and listen to Him. Jesus returned again and again, spending time with the Father. In the same way He listened to the Father, you can listen and hear God through the Holy Spirit.

Listen for God's voice. Slow down and position yourself to hear. Be ready to respond.

JOHN 10:27; 1 SAMUEL 3:10

PRAYER

“Speak, Lord. I am listening.”

PRACTICAL
Advice

Sit quietly and listen after praying.

Ask God a question.

Write down what you hear, see, or sense Him saying.

Responding *in* Obedience



DAY 5



Hearing God is incomplete without obedience. Jesus didn't just pray, He obeyed. Conversation with God should lead to action.

Respond to what God says to you. Take a step of obedience and follow through. The key to living out His perfect will for your life is to hear Him and obey Him.

MATTHEW 26:42; JAMES 1:22



PRAAYER

"Lord, show me what You want. I choose to obey You."



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Act on what God has spoken to you.

Take one step of obedience today.

Share your step with someone.

Conversation *Matures* You

DAY 6



Jesus continually connected with the Father through Conversation. In the garden, He prayed three times. Each conversation brought Him deeper into surrender. The situation did not change, but He became fully aligned with the Father's will. Conversation with God matures you.

Stay in conversation with God. Return again and again. Let Him shape your heart and lead you into obedience.

**MATTHEW 26:44;
HEBREWS 5:14**



PRAYER

"Lord, mature me. Help me grow."



PRACTICAL *Advice*

Revisit your conversations with God throughout the day.

Pray again about the same thing.[CR1.1]

Pay attention to how your faith is growing.[

Clarity & Assignment



DAY 7



After having a conversation with the Father, Jesus stood up with clarity, saying, “Rise, let us be going.” Conversation did not remove the assignment-it prepared Him for it.

Let your conversation with God lead to action. Walk in clarity and obedience.

**MATTHEW 26:45-46;
COLOSSIANS 3:23**

PRAYER

“Lord, give me clarity and courage to obey You.”

PRACTICAL
Advice

Ask God for your next step today.

Take action to obey.

Share with someone to stay accountable.

What has God been speaking to me about this week?

(What have I heard as I turned toward Him?)

What have I honestly brought before God?

(Emotions, struggles, and desires I have expressed to Him.)

What has God revealed about His will?

(Where has He asked me to surrender or align?)

What have I sensed God saying to me?

(Through Scripture, prayer, or quiet moments.)

Have I responded in obedience to what God said?

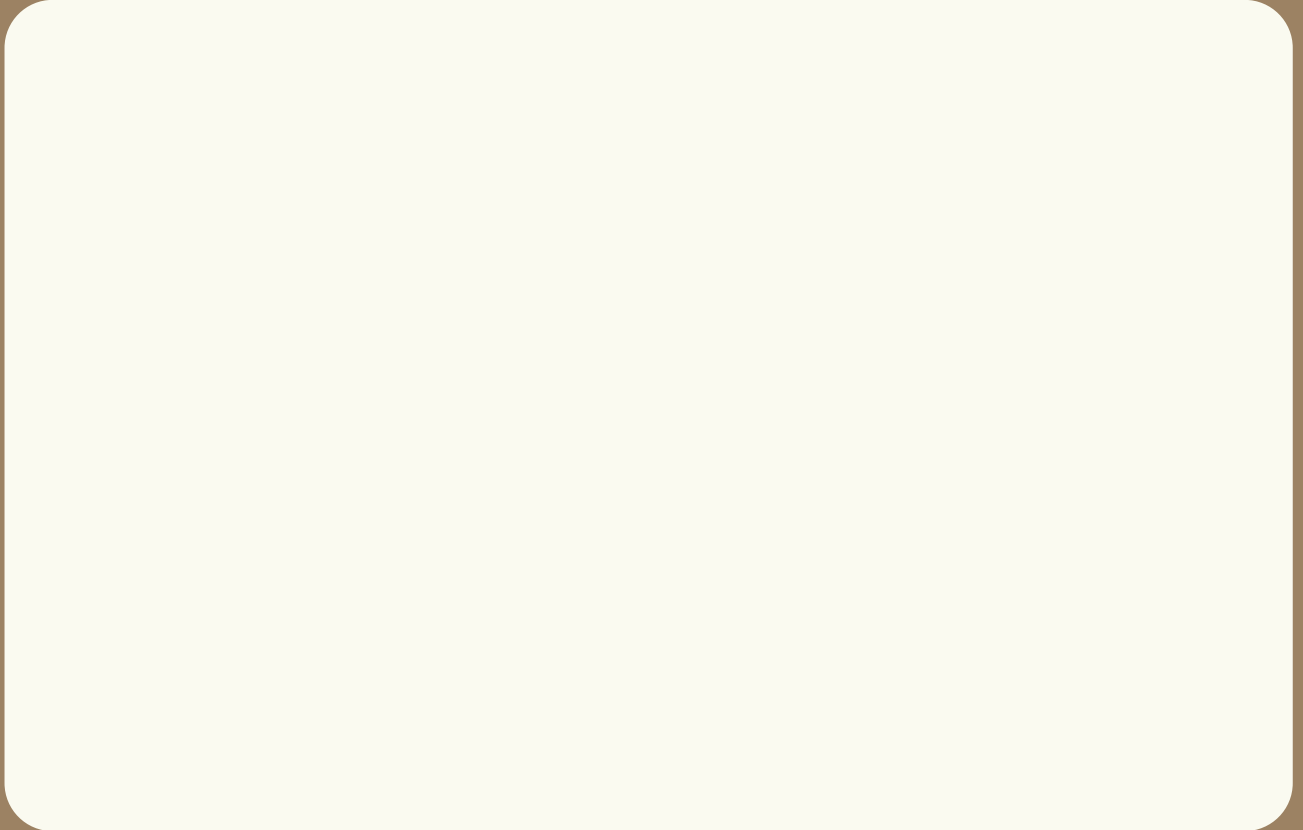
(Where have I obeyed-or delayed?)

What are my next steps of obedience?

(Assignment, action, or decision.)

How will I continue to engage in conversation with God?

(Time, posture, listening, journaling, and obedience.)





THIS IS *Holy* GROUND