
Experiencing God

"Religion vs. Relationship"

John 3:16

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Introduction: Last week we began a new series focused on "Experiencing God."

1. "Experiencing God" is rooted in seven core realities.

- God is continually at work all around us.
- God desires a personal, love relationship with us.
- In this loving relationship He invites us to join Him in His work.
- God speaks to us to reveal what He wants us to do.
- Once God speaks, we have a choice to make.
- We must transition from self-pursuit to God's pursuit.
- Through obedience we see God working in and through us, so that we experience Him in a new way.

2. Today we tackle the second reality: God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

I. The Most Important Thing: Knowing God

A. God's Initiative

B. God's Grace

C. An Unconditional Bond

II. The Essence Of Relationship

A. Being With God vs. Doing Things For God

B. Love vs. Labor

C. Heart vs. Head

III. Some Practical Suggestions

A. Rethink Devotions

B. Practice God's Presence

C. Re-evaluate Your Circumstance

D. Re-think Schedules

Conclusion: God is everywhere, all the time, and constantly at work.

1. A major focus is this work is His desire to have a personal loving relationship with you.
2. There is nothing in this world as important as your relationship with God.
3. God has done and is doing everything necessary to establish this relationship.
4. If you want to experience God at work in your life, through your life, you'll have to transition from religion to relationship.