

kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again.

"Bad Outcomes"

Hebrews 11:32-38 Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated-- the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

What could be behind "bad outcomes?"

Next Steps:

- ___ I'm asking God to help me know when He is speaking to me.
- ___ Sign me up for Class 201: Growing In Spiritual Maturity.
- ___ Sign me up for Class 301: Using My Gifts to Serve God.

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Crisis of Belief

Experiencing God – Part 5

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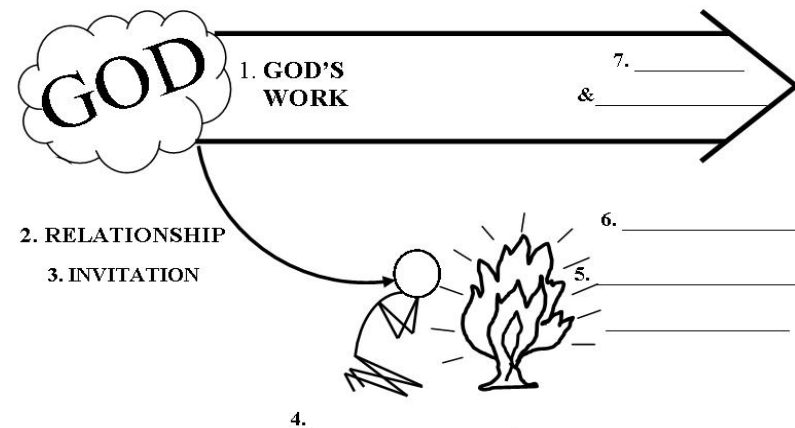
Reality #1: God is always at work.

Reality #2: God pursues.

Reality #3: God invites.

Reality #4: God speaks .

Reality #5: God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a **crisis of belief** that requires faith and action.



Why Did *This* Happen?

Acts 14:22... strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Crisis of *Belief*

What is “faith?”

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

* "Sure of what we hope for."

* "Certain of what we do not see."

Faith in Who?

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Faith for What?

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

* “Exists”

* “Rewards”

Crisis of Belief!

Crises of Faith Usually Come With a God-Sized Challenge

■ *1 Samuel 17:37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."* ■

■ *1 Samuel 17:45-50 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.* ■

What About Outcomes?

"Good Outcomes"

Hebrews 11:32-38 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered
