

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

■ *Philippians 3:7-10 ... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

Total Dependence on God

■ *Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

■ *Luke 14:26-33 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

■ **Next Steps:** Sign me up for:

___ Class 201: Growing In Spiritual Maturity.

___ Class 301: Using My Gifts to Serve God.

___ Class 401: Sharing My Faith

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Adjustments

Experiencing God – Part 6

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Reality #1: God is always at work.

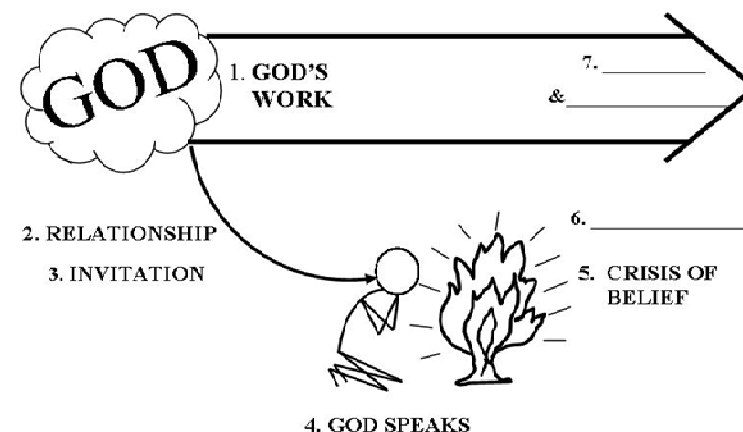
■ Reality #2: God pursues.

Reality #3: God invites.

Reality #4: God speaks.

Reality #5: God's invitation for you to work with Him always involves a crisis of belief.

■ Reality #6: You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.



Adjustments Are Necessary

"Living by the code."

Kinds of Adjustments

God leads us to make adjustments in the everyday arenas of our lives:

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| * Relationships | * Marriage | * Parenting |
| * Personal life | * Actions | * Finances |
| * Job | * Time | * Priorities |

Matthew 4:18-20 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 5:43-47 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

Matthew 20:20-28 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant."

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them."

Matthew 20:26-28 It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Obedience is Costly

2 Corinthians 11:23-33 ...I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.
