

- True vine – *John 15:1*
- Good shepherd – *John 10:11*

The bottom line:  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of others; the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*Deuteronomy 28:1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. <sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: <sup>3</sup> You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.*

*Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

**MY NEXT STEPS:**

- \_\_\_ I am ready to obey God by: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Please contact me about baptism
- \_\_\_ Class 201: Growing In Spiritual Maturity.
- \_\_\_ Class 301: Using My Gifts to Serve God.
- \_\_\_ Class 401: Sharing My Faith

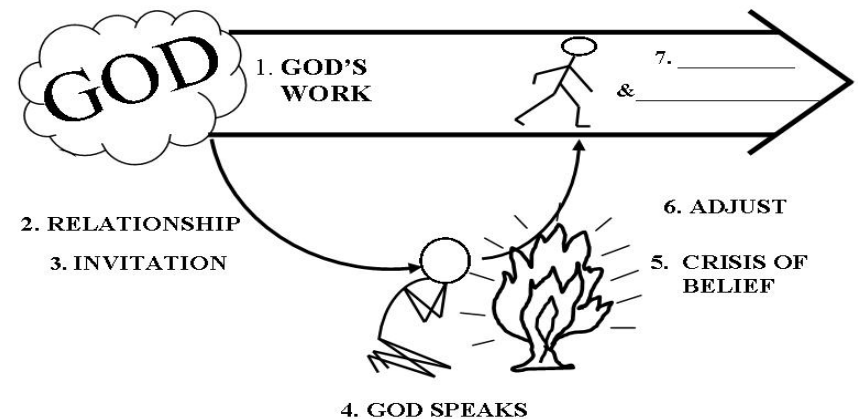
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## Knowing God

Experiencing God – Part 7

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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.
- Reality #7:** You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.



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## 1. Knowing and experiencing God always flows out of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

\* Obedience is an outward expression of your love of God  
*John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

- \* His reward for obedience is revelation  
<sup>20</sup> *On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.*

\* An obedience problem is really a love problem

- <sup>21</sup> *Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."*

<sup>24</sup> *He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*

## 2. Obedience requires total \_\_\_\_\_ on God to work thru you.

*John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Galatians 2:20; Isaiah 14:24; 41:10; 46:9-11*

## 3. Obedience is your \_\_\_\_\_ of truth. What you do:

- Reveals what you believe about Him.
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- Determines whether you experience His work in and thru you
  - Determines the depth of your relationship with Him.

## ■ "I want to obey...but \_\_\_\_\_ seems to be happening." ■

### Questions to ask:

- Have I obeyed in the areas I already know to be His will?
- Do I really believe that He loves me and will always do what is best & right?
- Am I willing to wait on His timing and obey everything I know to do in the meantime?

As we obey, He becomes more \_\_\_\_\_.

## The I Am's of Jesus

- Bread of life – *John 6:35*
  - Resurrection /life – *John 11:25*
  - Light of the world – *John 8:12*
  - Way, truth and life – *John 14:6*
  - Gate – *John 10:9*
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