

WORKBOOK

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5 KEYS FOR
ENCOUNTERS WITH THE

Holy Spirit

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READY TO GAIN CONFIDENCE IN ENCOUNTERING GOD?

I remember praying and praying for hours, trying to figure out how to connect with the Holy Spirit. I did that every day for a year and finally just gave up. I was reading my Bible, praying, and asking the Holy Spirit to come encounter me...but it didn't seem to be working

It took years, but here and there the Lord would give me a revelation or I would find a resource. Other times I would connect with someone who could teach me something - anything - about the Holy Spirit. It took years...but it DID happen!

That's why I created the "5 Practical Keys For Having Encounters with the Holy Spirit". Honestly, I wish I had something as simple and practical as this when I was pressing in to get to know the Holy Spirit..

These 5 simple keys are what have helped me cultivate my relationship with the Holy Spirit and have encounters all the time...and I KNOW they can do the same for you

I pray that you are encouraged, inspired, activated, equipped, and empowered to have life-changing-transformational-never-the-same Holy Spirit encounters!!!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “HAVE AN ENCOUNTER”?

When you have an encounter with someone, you are simply having an experience with them. An encounter is more than knowing information about someone. The fun part is that we can have encounters with God too. For example, Saul knew about God (information), but he had an experience with God (encounter) on the road to Damascus that changed his life forever. One encounter in God’s presence can change your life too!

Encounter stories are woven throughout the Word of God and set the precedent and example for you and I to follow when it comes to having encounters with God. Adam and Eve, Gideon, Ezekiel, Jonah, Daniel, Elijah, Paul, Mary, and John are just a few of the many, many people who encounters with God. Below are three examples:

#1 - Moses Encountered God

Exodus 3:1-6 - “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.”

Takeaway: In this story we see Moses having a typical flock-tending-kind-of day when he encountered God in a burning bush. In one moment he was commissioned to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. This one encounter released a promotion, shepherding animals to shepherding the people, and changed the course of Moses’ life.

#2 - Peter Encountered Jesus

Matthew 14:22-29 - "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. Later that night, He was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water." "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Takeaway: Peter was in the boat with all the other disciples. They were all having a typical boating experience – until Jesus showed up walking on water. Peter, the only disciple bold enough, took a risk and stepped out of the boat. Peter, through boldness and risk taking, initiated a supernatural encounter with Jesus. What was impossible became possible in Peter's moment of encounter.

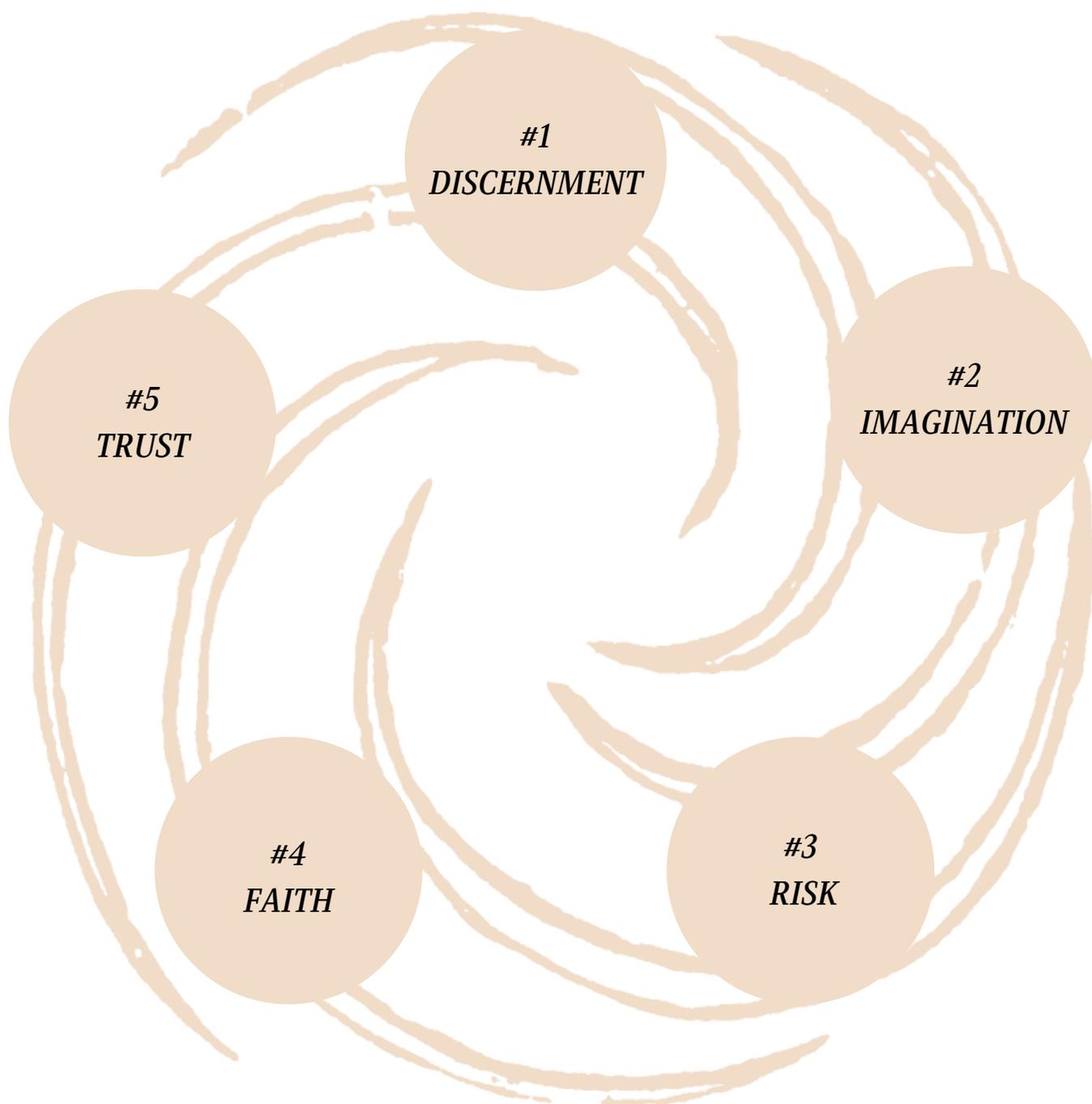
#3 - Jesus Encountered the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:13-17 - "Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. And a voice from Heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Takeaway: Even Jesus, who is God, had encounters. The Holy Spirit encountered Jesus and filled Him with the Spirit of God when He descended as a dove. If Jesus had encounters and we are called to be like Him, then encounters are for us too!

5 PRACTICAL KEYS FOR HAVING ENCOUNTERS

This Is a short outline of the 5 keys we will use In our time together to Increase your encounters with God and learn to access his presence each day!





#1 - DISCERNMENT

Philippians 1:9-10 - “And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ”

To encounter God's presence requires discernment. We must be able to discern between pure and impure, truth and lies. Jesus, the Word of God, and Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Guide, lead us into all truth and give us the knowledge and ability to discern good from evil.

Are you willing to partner with the Word of God and the Spirit of God to have encounters?



#2 - IMAGINATION

Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

To encounter God's presence requires imagination. We must believe that His power is at work within us as we ask and imagine. We must trust in the promise that we have been given the mind of Christ.

Will you allow Him to encounter you through your imagination?



#3 - RISK

Matthew 14:29 - “Come,’ He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.”

To encounter God's presence requires risk. You are going to have to try new things. You are going to have to do things you don't or wouldn't normally do if you want to have deeper encounters. Peter had to get out of the boat.

What will you be willing to do in order to have your own personal walking-on-water experience?



#4 - FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

To encounter God's presence requires faith. You must be confident that Father God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit want to connect with you personally.

Will you choose to be sure of your access and connection to His presence?



#5 - TRUST

Jeremiah 17:7-8 - “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

To encounter God's presence requires trust. You must have confidence that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit want to spend time with You. As you trust you become rooted like the tree planted by the stream and your trust leads to blessing.

Will you send out your roots into the stream of His presence to be nourished for producing Kingdom fruit?

Hey! I'm Sarah

My first encounter with God came when I was 14 years old and eight years later I had the revelation of Jesus. The only discipling I received was from a new Christian friend who told me to "read your Bible". I didn't know if I was learning what I was supposed to during my time in the Word, I had no clue the Holy Spirit even existed, and I didn't know if I was hearing God's voice or not...but I never let it stop me! In hindsight, I had to disciple myself.



It is my conviction that discipleship is the key to seeing every believer activated to hear the voice of God, receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and share the Gospel in a way that is unique to God's design for their lives.

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