

Experiencing God

Chapter One “Knowing God by Experience”

We come to know God by experience at His initiative as He reveals Himself to you. Abraham came to know God by experience as his provider when God provided a ram instead of sacrificing his son Isaac.

1. How have you experienced God as your provider(Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide)? Please share.

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter Two “Knowing God’s Nature”

1. How do the three attributes listed on page 21 show we can always trust God’s will for our lives?

2. Why does God give us commands? p. 23

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter Three “Doing God’s Will”

1. Which should take first priority in your life: (a) loving God and developing a relationship with Him, or (b) serving God and working for Him? Why?

2. How does God reveal to us His will for our lives; (a) as a detailed map or (b) one day and one step at a time? Why?

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter Four “Being God’s Servant

1. Give the words that describe what a servant of God is:
 1. Phil. 2:6-8 H _____ O _____
 2. Jeremiah 18:6 M _____ A _____
 3. James 5:17 O _____

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter Five “Seven Realities of Experiencing God”

1. After reading the seven realities of experiencing God:
 - A. Which is the most comforting?

 - B. Which is the most challenging?

 - C. Which is the most difficult?

Chapter Five continued--

2. Have you heard God speak to you recently? If so, what did He Say? What have you done in response?

Chapter 6 “God is at work around you”

1. Many of us feel God is going to use us greatly and give us a *big assignment* to do His work. We sense that God is going to use us in a significant way. What are some reasons why we may not have received that big assignment yet? What are some things we can do so that the special calling from God will some day come?

2. Reflect on your experiences with God. Can you identify times when God was at work around you—and you knew it? Was there a time when God was working around you in situations but you did not recognize it as God’s activity at the time?

Chapter 7 “God pursues a love relationship with you”

1. Fill in the blanks in the following phrases:

- a. A love relationship with God requires that you demonstrate your love by _____. (p. 80, 81) If you have an _____ problem, you have a love problem.
- b. Your _____ to God(Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the single most important aspect of your life. If it is not right, nothing else is important. (p. 85)
- c. God did not create you for time: He created you for _____.

2 God wants you to love Him with your total being. Share with us an occasion you spent a special intimate time loving, worshipping, and talking to God. Please give us circumstances of time, place, and activity. What happened that was especially meaningful and joyful?

Chapter 8 “God takes the initiative”

1 What is the difference between God-centered living and Self-centered living? P. 103, 104

2. Have you noticed growth in your life during the last year? In what area(areas)?

3. Fill in the blanks: You can avoid being self-centered one time and fall right into the trap the next time. God-centeredness requires a d_____d _____ of self and submission to God. John 12:24, 25 (p. 105)

Chapter 9 “God Invites you to join Him”

1. If a neighbor, friend, or co-worker, or anyone begins to inquire into spiritual things, what is that experience telling us? Why? (p. 125)

2. What are some things we can do and say to identify God’s activity in the lives of others? (p. 127-129)

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 10 “God speaks to His people”

1. What are some of the ways God has spoken to you? How did you know it was God?

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 11 “ God reveals Himself, His promises, and His ways”

1. Isaiah 55:8 says that our ways are not God’s ways. What do we need to do in order to know the ways, purposes, and plans of God?

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 12 “God speaks through the Bible”

1. Share a time when you were reading God’s Word and the Holy Spirit convicted you about something you were doing wrong in your life. How did you respond to His conviction? Is there any area in your life now which the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about but you are having trouble responding in obedience?

Chapter 12 continued—

2. What is the step by step sequence of encountering God in His Word? p. 167

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 13 “God speaks through prayer”

1. Explain what the author means by the words, “Prayer is a relationship”? p. 175

2. Name two instances in the Bible when God seemed to be silent. What is God doing and what should we do when God is silent? pages 180, 181

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 14 “God speaks through circumstances”

**1. How should we respond when circumstances seems bewildering?
pages 189, 190**

2. Each time I encounter God’s call or directions in my life, I build up “spiritual markers”. Review your life and identify “spiritual markers”. pages 193, 194

Chapter 15 “God speaks through his church”

1. Are you interconnected with a church body so God can speak to you through other church members? If so, what is something God has said to you through a fellow believer in your church?

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 16 “God’s invitation leads to a crisis in belief”

1. Explain what the author means by “Crisis of Belief” and give steps involved in the “Crisis of Belief”. page 208, 209

Chapter 16 continued

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 17 “Joining God requires major adjustments”

In Chapter 16, Henry Blackaby says the first turning point in your knowing and doing the will of God was the “Crisis of Belief”---- you must believe God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do.

The second turning point is adjusting your life to God, to His purposes and ways. If you choose to make the adjustment, you can go to the third and final turning point(Chapter 18) which is obedience to God.

1. Please tell us any adjustments God might be asking you to make in your life in order to follow God’s plan for your life by looking at the following:

1. in your circumstances(life job, home, finances, and others)
2. in your relationships(family, friends, business associates, others)
3. in your thinking(prejudices, methods, potential, others)
4. in your commitments(family, church, job, plans, other)
5. in your actions(how you pray, give, serve, other)
6. in your beliefs(about God, His purposes & ways, relationship w/ Him)
7. in your physical fitness(exercise, eating, rest, weight)

2. What are three areas or steps we must take to adjust our lives to God? Amplify pages 232-235

Chapter 18 “Joining God requires obedience”

1. Why is obedience to God in our lives important?

I Samuel 15:22, 23, John 14:21, Matthew 28:19, 20

2. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Chapter 19 “God accomplishes His work”

1. Are you presently waiting on the Lord to fulfill His word to you in some way?

Explain

2. What was the key to Jesus' perfect obedience? How does this apply to us concerning knowing the will of God? page 258

3. After reading this chapter, what insight did God give you or how did God speak to you?

Read chapters 20 to 26 on your own. There are no questions on these chapters.