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DO YOU NEED A GOD ENCOUNTER?

Dawn and I recently spoke to some people regarding having an encounter with God. We have found that many people run away from wanting an "experience" with God. They prefer to read, study, or talk about God rather than experience Him. Some questions arose that I feel should be addressed. Is it even Biblical to desire an encounter with God? In the Bible, God actually encountered people on a regular basis. In Exodus 3, God encountered Moses in the form of a burning bush. In Revelation 1:19, Jesus encountered John and said, "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."



If God encountered people in Biblical times, is it possible to experience God today? According to Hebrews 13:8 we are told, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." It is highly likely God is desiring to encounter you on a regular basis.

What are some reasons why God would encounter people? As I look in the Bible, I believe God encounters people to give comfort and encouragement (Acts 23:11), commission a person for ministry (John 20:19-22), release revelation (Revelation 1:10-20), give marching orders and direction (Ezekiel 2:1-5), and/or to lead them to salvation (Acts 9:3-6). If you need any of these reasons in your own life, I encourage you to position yourself to encounter the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.