



# Hearing God 101

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# Introduction



# Sessions Overview

**Oct 22,**

- Session 1: How to develop Intimacy with God
- Session 2: How to Hear God
- Session 3: How to build a relationship with God

**Oct 29**

- Session 4: Living in Transparency: Understanding our feelings
- Session 5: Living in Transparency: Identity Crisis
- Session 6: Living in Transparency: Performance
- Session 7: Living in Transparency: Desires of our heart

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- Session 8: Living in Transparency: Road of worry
- Session 9: Living in Transparency: I need advice
- Session 10: Destiny: Knowing your role in the Kingdom of God
- Session 11: Anointing: His presence makes all the difference



# Seminar Goals

- o At the end of the seminar you will:
  - o Learn how to hear God
  - o Experience God's counsel
  - o Experience His presence
  - o Experience intimacy with God
  - o Experience transparency with God
  - o Understand how to have a conversation with God
  - o Learn how to know your role in God's Kingdom





Session 1:  
How to develop Intimacy with God:  
Living in The Secret Place



# Intimacy

An intimate relationship is a close interpersonal relationship.

It can be defined by these characteristics:

- enduring interdependence,
- repeated interactions,
- emotional attachment, and
- a freedom to be transparent.



# Spiritual Intimacy: The Desire of God's Heart

1. Adam & Eve (Gen 3:8)
2. Abraham (James 2:23)
3. King David (Acts 13:22)
4. Jesus (John 17:3)
5. Mary (Luke 10:38-42)
6. Paul (Heb 12:18-26)
7. John (Revelation)
8. The Body of Christ is the bride of Christ

God created us for the Supreme Purpose of having a love relationship with Him.



# Spiritual Intimacy

## The Desire of God's Heart

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# What happens when we become Intimate with God?

## 1. We develop a relationship with God as His children

1 John 3:1 *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God"*

## 2. We learn how to abide in Christ become dependent on the Lord

1 John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

## 3. We are transformed by His Glory

2 Cor 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## 4. We impact others by His Glory

Luke 24:32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

## 5. We enter into a place where we receive greater revelation

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.



# How to Develop an Intimate Relationship

1. Communication
2. Spending Time
3. Being Transparent/Vulnerable
4. Receive Instruction & Council
5. Discuss Destiny & Dreams



# God's Solutions for Stress

Psalm 23:2 (NAS) "He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters."

1. Rest In His presence
2. Rely on His provision



# The Secret Place

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I am going there to prepare a place for you.** [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going."





# 25 Benefits of Living in the Secret Place

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High will:

1. Rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. He will save you from the fowler's snare
3. He will save you from the deadly pestilence.
4. He will cover you with his feathers, and
5. Under his wings you will find refuge;
6. His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
7. You will not fear the terror of night,
8. You will not fear the arrow that flies by day,
9. You will not fear the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
10. You will not fear the plague that destroys at midday.
11. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
12. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.



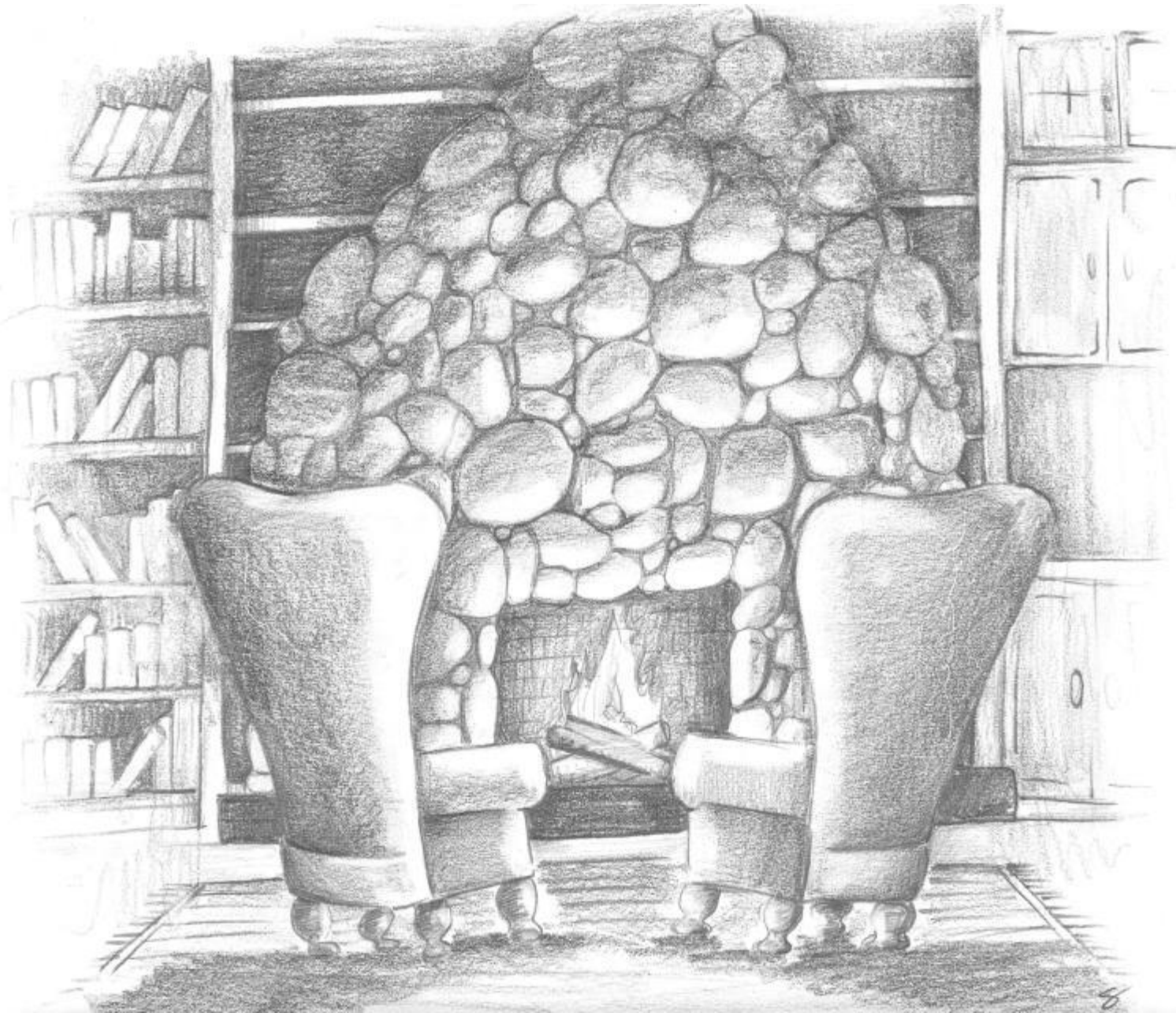
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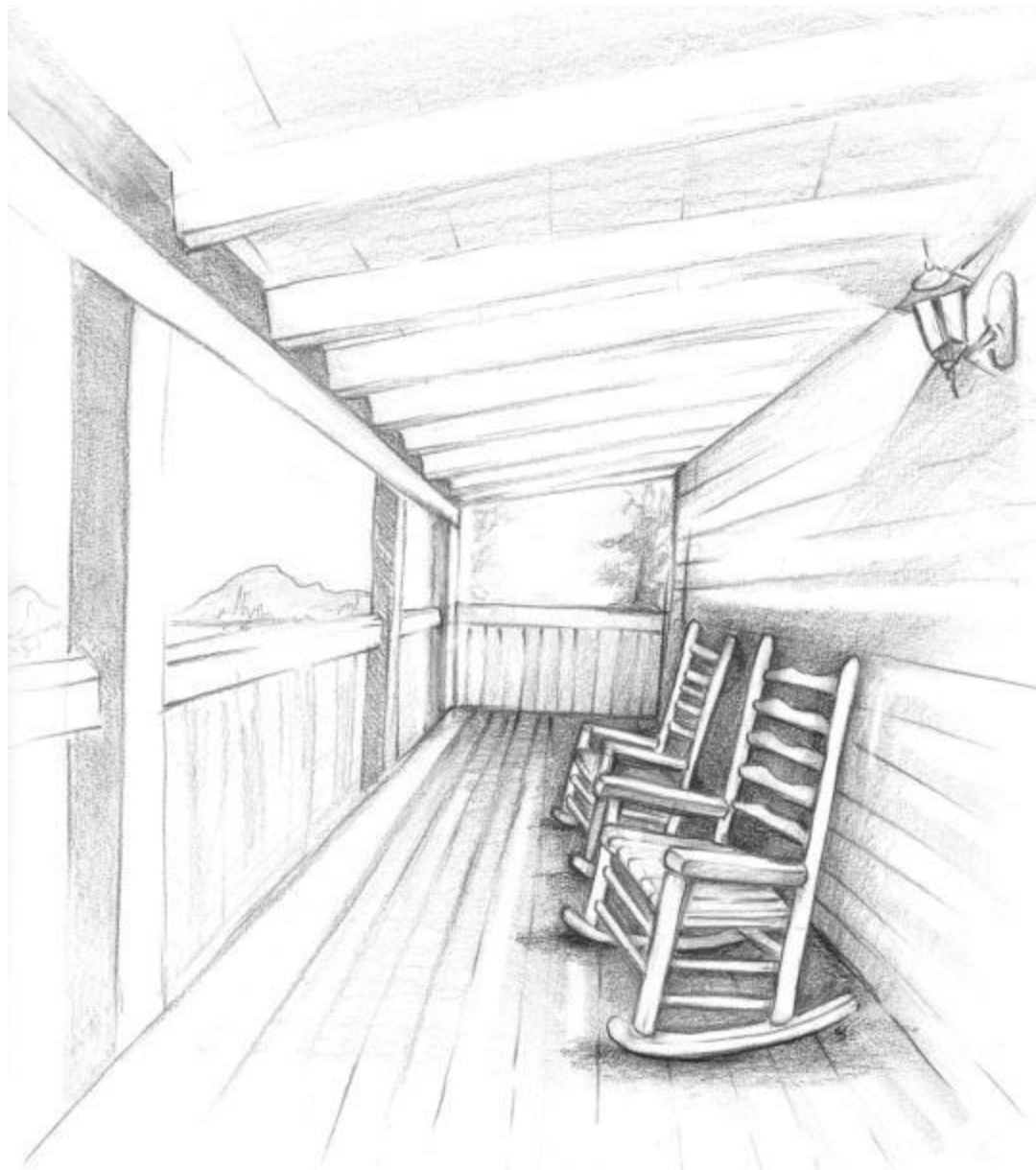
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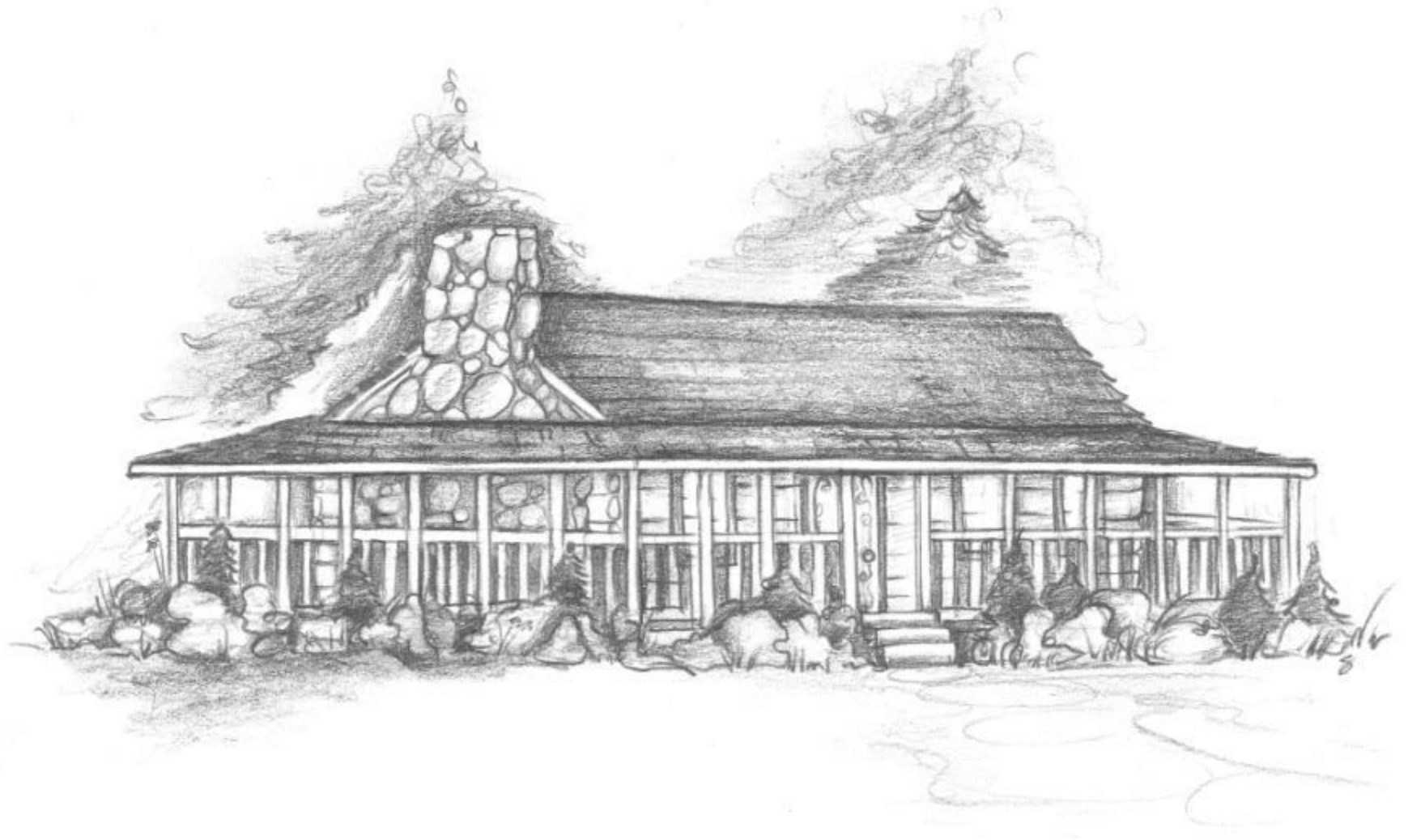
13. No harm will overtake you,
14. No disaster will come near your tent.
15. He will command his angels concerning you to: Guard you in all your ways; Lift you up in their hands, that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
16. You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
17. You will trample the great lion and the serpent.
18. The Lord will rescue you;
19. The will protect you,
20. The Lord will answer you
21. The Lord will be with you in trouble,
22. The Lord will deliver you and honor you.
23. The Lord will give you long life
24. The Lord will satisfy you
25. The Lord will show you his salvation."



















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# The Secret Place

The place to encounter revelations about:

- Your Heavenly Father
- Your true identity
- Your role in the kingdom of God,
- You destiny in society

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Session 2:  
Communication: How to Hear God



You don't have to look under rocks to find God's will





# Biblical Illustration

1CH 28:2 King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. **I had it in my heart** to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD,

1CH 28:11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple, its buildings, its storerooms, its upper parts, its inner rooms and the place of atonement. [12] He gave him **the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind** for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things.

1CH 28:19 "All this," David said, "**I have in writing from the hand of the LORD** upon me, and he gave me understanding in all the details of the plan."



"I will stand at my guard post  
I will keep watch and see  
What He will speak to me..."  
Then the Lord said, "Record the  
vision..."

Habakkuk 2:1,2



As exemplified in Habakkuk

Key #1

*"I will stand  
at my guard post*

Quiet yourself in the Lord's  
presence



# As exemplified in Habakkuk

**Key #2**

*I will keep  
watch and see*

**Look for vision and listen as  
you pray**

**Fix your eyes on Jesus**





# As exemplified in Habakkuk

## Key #3

*What He will  
speak to me..."*

**Recognize God's voice often  
comes as spontaneous thoughts**



# As exemplified in Habakkuk

## Key #4

*Then the Lord said,  
"Record the vision..."*

**Write out the flow of  
thoughts and visions within  
you (two-way journaling)**



# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

❖ Lord, do you love me?



# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

❖ Lord, Tell me more



# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

- ❖ Lord, would you like to keep meeting here or would you like to meet elsewhere



# How do know what we see and hear is from God

Analyze your thoughts (not all of them are yours)

Three categories of thoughts

1. Spontaneous Positive Thoughts = Holy Spirit
2. Spontaneous Negative Thoughts = demons
3. Analytical Thoughts = Self

*2 Cor 10: [5] We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*



# How to Test what you Hear

## 1. Does it line up with God's Word

- *But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. 1Cor 14:3*

## 2. Does it line up with the character of God

- *Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him Psalm 34:8*

## 3. Does it line up with names of God

- *Jehovah-Jireh (The Lord will provide) - Genesis 22:14*
- *Jehovah-Raphe (The Lord my Healer) - Exodus 15:26*
- *Jehovah-Nissi (The Lord my Banner) - Exodus 17:15*
- *Jehovah-Shalom (The Lord my Peace) - Judges 6:24*
- *Jehovah-Raah (The Lord my Shepherd) - Psalm 23:1*
- *Jehovah-Tsidkenu (The Lord my Righteousness) - Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16*
- *Jehovah-Shammah (The Lord is there) - Ezekiel 48:35*

## 4. Does the body of Christ witness that it is the Lord



# Safe Guard: Be accountable to someone

## What to Look for in a Spiritual Counselor:

1. A close friend, someone you trust, who will be honest with you.
2. One who knows the Lord, who is a Christian.
3. One who has a solid biblical orientation.
4. One who can sense the voice of the Spirit of God in his own heart.
5. One who is willing to commit himself to you, who will invest their time and energy in your growth,
6. Receives counsel themselves.
7. Is ahead of you in spiritual growth.





# Ministry Prayer

Father I recognize that I have stopped asking to hear from God, in fact I have even discounted the value of prophetic voice. I ask your forgiveness. I want to hear from God. I desire earnestly spiritual gifts especially the gift of prophecy.

I ask you to speak to me to teach me to know your voice, and to speak forth the words You give me to others to encourage, comfort, and build up the body of Christ. Thank you

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Session 3:  
Build Relationship: Spending time together



# How do we Spend Time in His Presence

Soaking is a conscience decision to position ourselves to enter into the presence of the Lord

- o HEB 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. [9] There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; [10] for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. [11] Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.



# Soaking in the Bible ?

ISA 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Waiting or Soaking leads to:

- a) *Blessing*
- b) *Renew your strength (strength of Body, Soul, Spirit)*
- c) *Soar on wings like an Eagle (you see from God's perspective)*
- d) *Run and not grow weary (the race set before us)*
- e) *Walk and not faint (tire of doing good)*
- f) *Communication/ Revelation as still and in receiving mode can lead to healing, understanding, new places from God. Deeper revelation of His Spirit*



# How do I start soaking

- 1. Dump the business of the day on the note pad, so you don't have to think about it. Don't worry if you keep thinking of things, just keep writing them down. The parade will eventually pass*
- 2. Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your Faith. Bill recommends imagining a Bible story that Jesus is in as way to get focused on the Lord.*
- 3. Play some quiet music. This helps our brain to start tuning into the intuitive side of our brain. Prophets of old would call for a musician to quiet themselves down. 2 King 3: [15] But now bring me a harpist." While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came upon Elisha*



## How do I start soaking

- 4. We can talk to God about what we are feeling and listen to what he says. We can ask him what he would like to say to us.*
  
- 5. God may remind of sins or situations. The best solution in this case is repentance and forgiveness.*
  
- 6. Some may not feel anything but many feel God's presence in waves coming over them wave after wave*



# *Benefits of Soaking*

- 1. Joshua never left the tabernacle was continually soaking in the presence of God. When He went into the enemies camp, he saw different, he saw with God's eyes. We too will start to situation with God's perspective Ex 33:11*
- 2. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit*
- 3. You will become like the one you hang out with (Your Heavenly Father)*
- 4. When you get filled with His presence it will change the atmosphere of your work, church, home, because his glory will radiate out of you*





# *Benefits of Soaking*

- 5. Renewal continues. Revival keeps coming at CTF because God's people keep coming hungry and thirsty*
- 6. We need to be full to minister otherwise we minister out of the flesh. Soaking prevents this.*
- 7. You develop intimacy with God*



# Ministry Prayer

## Lord

I repent of not spending times of intimacy with you and not valuing this. I choose to come to You today, to take Your burden only, to ask you to show me the yoke I have put on myself and ask you to remove it so that I may enter your rest. Show me this weekend the obstacles that keep me from entering into Your freedom as I soak in your Presence.



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# Session 4: Living in transparency: Understanding our Feelings





## **Psalm 35 Of David. Be Real with God**

- 1 Contend, Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.**
- 2 Take up shield and armor; arise and come to my aid.**
- 3 Brandish spear and javelin[a] against those who pursue me. Say to me, "I am your salvation. "**
- 4 May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay.**
- 5 May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away;**
- 6 May their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.**
- 7 Since they hid their net for me without cause and without cause dug a pit for me,**
- 8 May ruin overtake them by surprise— may the net they hid entangle them, may they fall into the pit, to their ruin.****9 Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation.**
- 10 My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, Lord? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."**





# Be real with God

A Psalm of David. When he was in the cave.

- 1 I cry aloud to the Lord;  
I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.
- 2 I pour out before him my complaint;  
before him I tell my trouble.
- 6 Listen to my cry,  
for I am in desperate need;  
rescue me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.
- 7 Set me free from my prison,  
that I may praise your name.



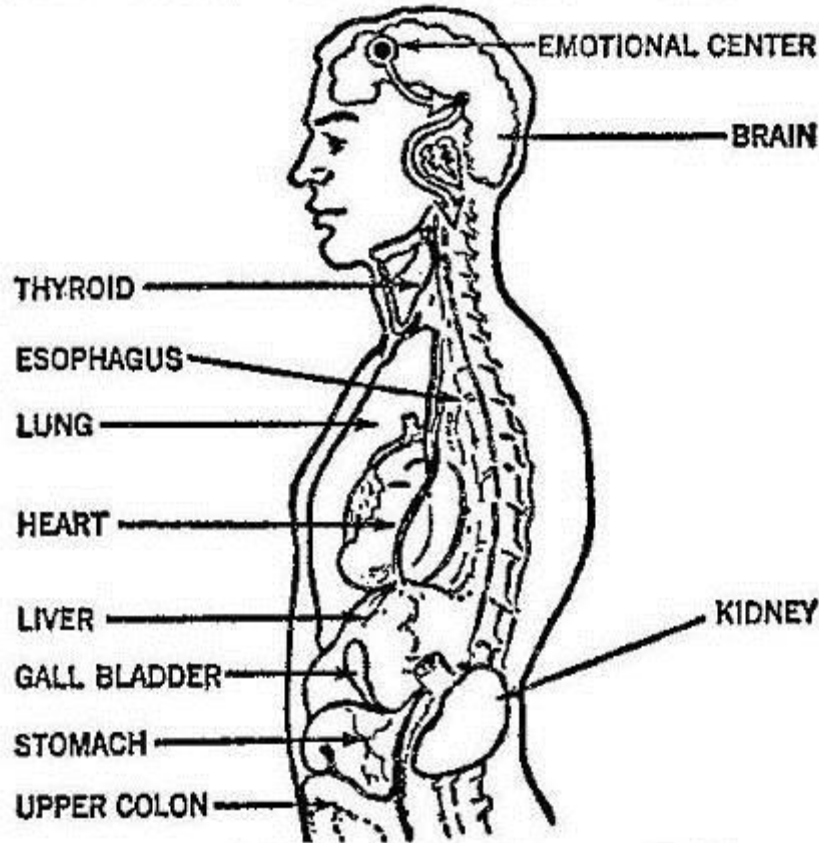
# The Spirit of Man Can Be:

- o Troubled ( Gen. 41: 8)
- o Revived ( Gen. 45: 27)
- o In anguish ( Ex. 6: 9)
- o Made willing ( Ex. 35: 21)
- o Jealous ( Num. 5: 14, 30)
- o Hardened ( Dt. 2: 30)
- o Sorrowful ( 1Sam. 1: 15)
- o Stirred up ( 2Chr. 36: 22)
- o Committed to God ( Ps. 31: 5)
- o Guileless ( Ps. 32: 2)
- o Contrite ( Ps. 34: 18)
- o Broken ( Ps. 51: 17)
- o Overwhelmed ( Ps. 77: 3)
- o Steadfast ( Ps. 78: 8)
- o Provoked ( Ps. 106: 33)
- o Hasty ( Prov. 14: 29)
- o Haughty ( Prov. 16: 18)
- o Humble ( Prov. 16: 19)
- o Ruled ( Prov. 16: 32)
- o Wounded or hurt ( Prov. 18: 14)
- o Vexed ( Eccl. 1: 14)
- o Patient ( Eccl. 7: 8)
- o Constrained ( Job 32: 18)
- o Searched ( Ps. 77: 6)
- o Made to keep secrets ( Prov. 11: 13)
- o In error ( Isa. 29: 24)
- o Proud ( Eccl. 7: 8)
- o Heavy ( Isa. 61: 3)
- o Made to learn ( Job 20: 3; 32: 8)
- o Increased in knowledge ( 1Cor. 2: 11)



# Effects of Emotions (Soul) to Physical (Body)

SELF-CENTEREDNESS	ENVY	JEALOUSY	RESENTMENT
HATE	WORRY	OVERSENSITIVITY	GUILT FEELINGS
FEAR	SORROW	DESIRE FOR APPROVAL	FRUSTRATION



ULCERS OF STOMACH AND INTESTINE	COLITIS
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	HEART TROUBLE
ARTERIOSCLEROSIS	KIDNEY DISEASE
MENTAL DISTURBANCES	GOITER
	DIABETES
	STROKES
	HEADACHES
	ARTHRITIS

Effects of Emotions on Physical Health

Dr. S.I McMillen  
"None of these Diseases"



# Ungodly Beliefs

Theme: Rejection, Not Belonging

UGB I don't belong. I will always be on the outside. (left out)

Theme: Unworthiness, Guilt, Shame

UGB I am not worthy to receive anything from God.

Theme: Doing to Achieve Self-worth, Value, Recognition

UGB I will never get credit for what I do.

Theme: Control (To avoid hurt)

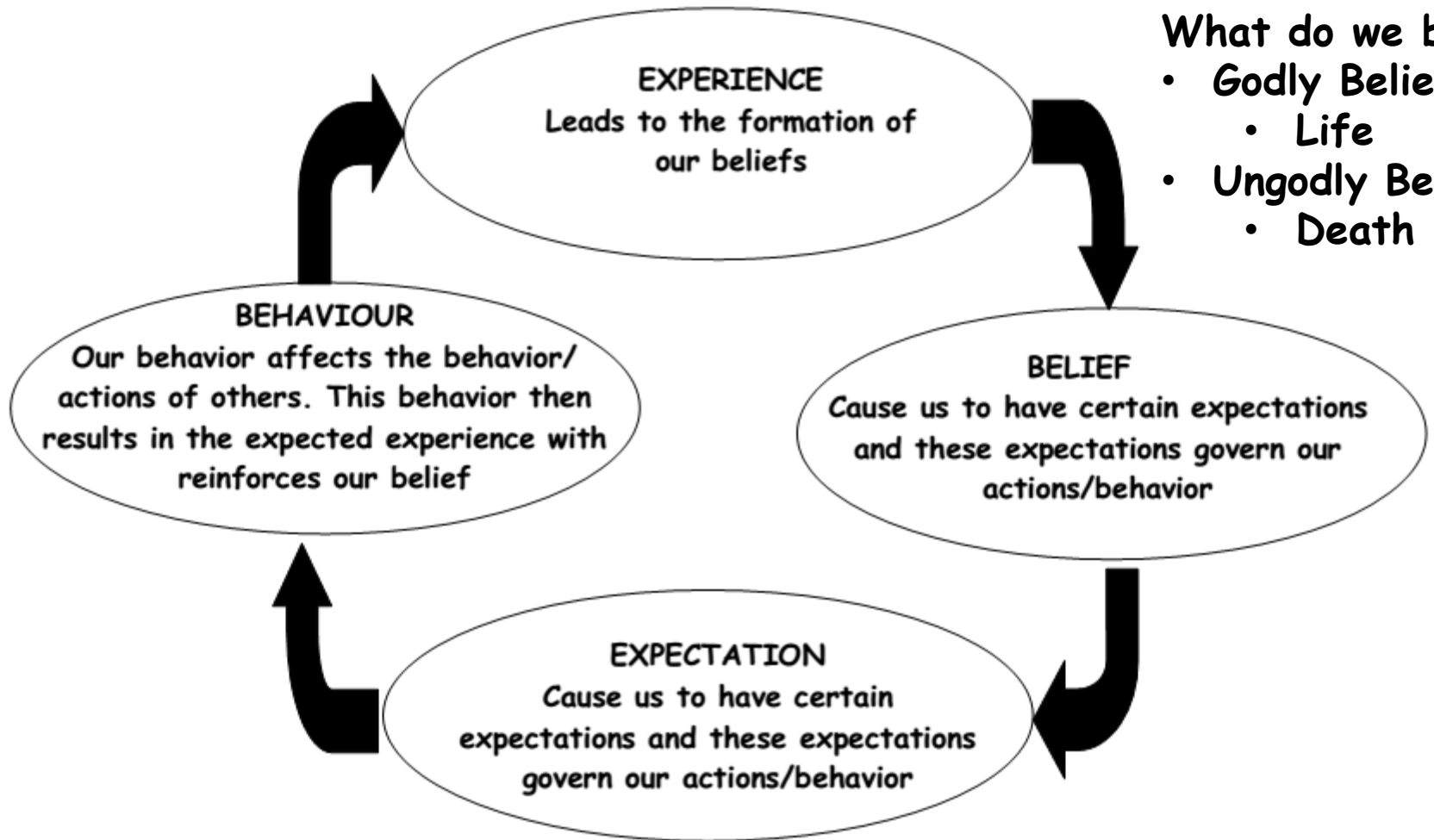
UGB I have to plan everyday of my life. I have to continually plan/strategize. I can't relax.

Theme: Physical

UGB I am unattractive. God short-changed me.



# Belief Expectation Cycle



## Choice

What do we belief

- Godly Belief
  - Life
- Ungodly Belief
  - Death



## 12 results of ungodly beliefs

1. They can contribute to a poor self-image.
2. They determine our significance and security
3. They affect how we approach God in prayer;
4. They determine our behaviour;
5. They are spiritually corrosive,
6. They block the truth of God
7. They keep us from walking in the truth of Christ .The battle is in the mind.
8. They enable us to cover our weakness,
9. They lead us to build up defenses,
10. They lead us to develop prejudice of other people groups.
11. We can use ungodly beliefs to justify ourselves and our behaviors/actions
- 12.They can lead to striving, or performance orientation.



# Behaviour of a wounded heart

- Insecurity comes from a wounded heart that is not secure in their true identity and they draw their identity from their job, title or role
- They may introduce themselves by their title instead of their name.
- If you challenge them or threaten their position they go on the defensive
- They are insecure to raise up other people considering them as threats



## Behaviour of a wounded heart

- o They put themselves forward and suppress other
- o They will rarely speak a word of blessing or encouragement





## Behaviour of a secure heart

- A secure person acts quite different
- They raise up others that have the same anointing and calling they do
  - They open doors for them and provide the opportunities
  - They coach them and invest time in them
  - They rejoice when their protégée exceeds them in their field



# Behaviour of a secure heart

A secure person acts quite different

- They speak life and hope into others
- They words of destiny and affirmation who are the same sphere of the kingdom as they are. These words produce tremendous results



## *God's solution to understanding our feelings*

The Lord spoke to me a verse of Scripture from John 5:39,40. He said, "you search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of me; and you are unwilling to *come to Me, that you may have life.*"



# Three sources of feeling

## 1. Ourselves:

We feel joy, love, happiness, pride of a job well done, confidence, peace, sadness, depression, anger, lust etc. Some of these feelings are good some may be coming from our own woundness

Phil4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

## 2. Demonic: Defilement;

2 Pet2:7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men

## 3. God: Burden Bearing:

Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death



# Three sources of feeling

## 3. God: Revelation: Discernment

Mark 2:8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"

## 3. God: Discernment of evil:

Acts 16:18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her

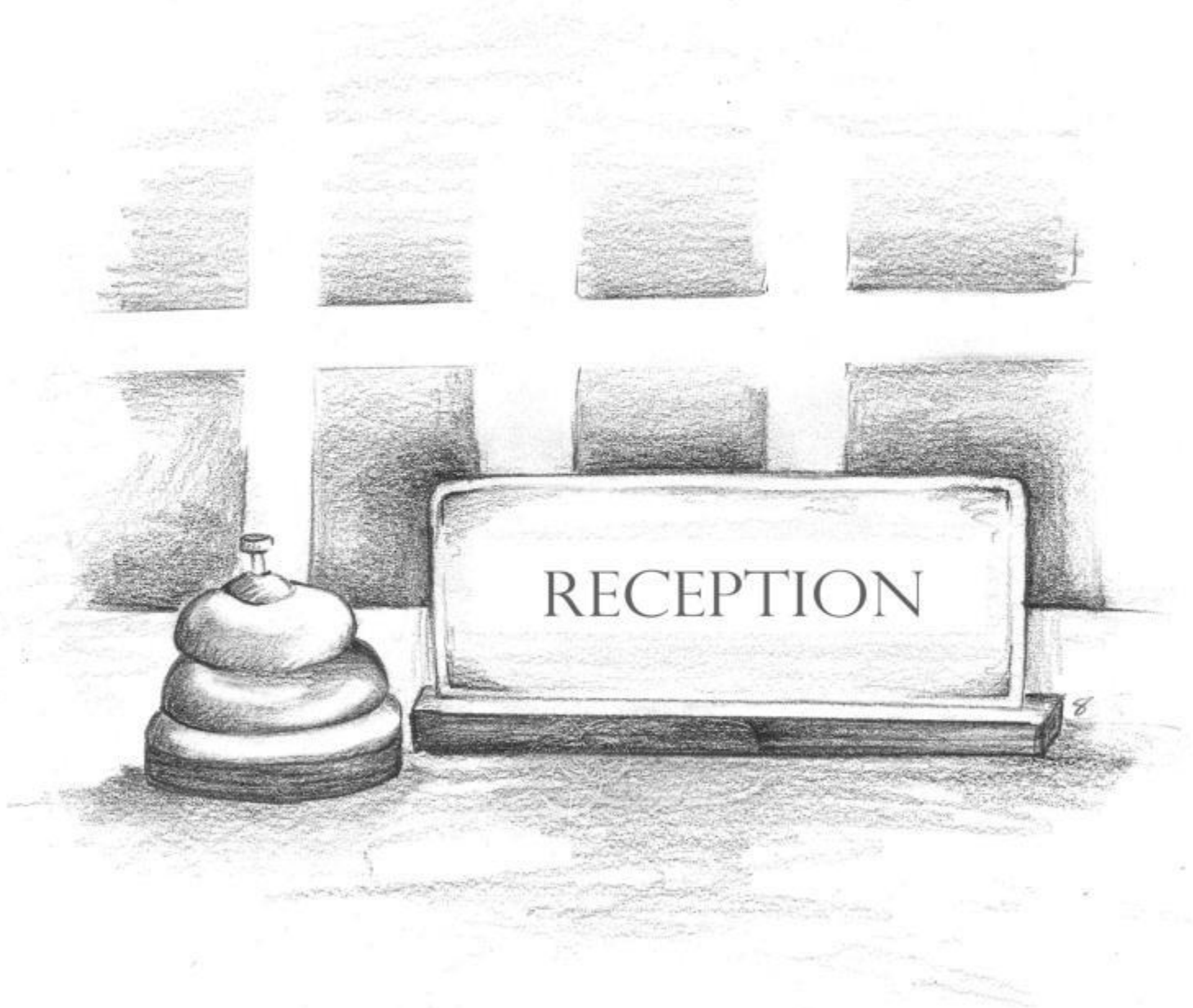
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## Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

1. Write down feelings that you feel but don't understand
2. Ask the Lord what would He like to you about these feelings
3. Write down what He says
4. Share it with a neighbour





# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

1. Ask God to bring to your memory a situation in your life that has emotional pain
2. Imagine the situation
3. Invite Jesus into the situation
4. Write down what happens and how you feel afterwards



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# Session 5: Living in Transparency: Identity Crisis





# Sonship Declaration

- ❖ Father I have come here to learn how I can operate and live in your kingdom
- ❖ My first step into that kingdom is to embrace my sonship
- ❖ I reject all false identities
- ❖ I embrace my true identity, I am a son(or Daughter) of God
- ❖ I put on the Signet ring of the Lord.



# *God is our Father*

Rom 8:[15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

JN 16:25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. [27] **No, the Father himself loves you** because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.



# 12 Characteristics of our Heavenly Father

## Characteristics of the Father

He cares for you and plans to bless you and prosper you

He loves you unconditionally

He has no favorites

He gives good gifts

He gives you your hearts desires

He gives life and joy

He has not religious, he is your Dad

## Lies about the Father

He has plans to hurt you or destroy you

You have to earn His love

Some people are special to God and some are not.

He gives sickness, failure, trial

He withholds what you really wants, takes away what you love

He gives death and misery

He loves religion and requires pomp and title and position



# 12 Characteristics of our Heavenly Father

## Characteristics of the Father

He doesn't change,

He loves mercy

He protects us and we can trust him

He is the Father of promise & provision

He will never leave you alone

## Lies about the Father

You can never be sure what He wants. He changes His expectations

He loves punishment

He leaves us defenseless

He wants us to never have enough, to keep us humble,

He will leave us alone so we can grow strong



<b>THE SPIRIT OF AN ORPHAN</b>	<b>How do you feel about?</b>	<b>THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP</b>
See God as Master	1. PICTURE OF GOD	See God as a loving Father
Independent / Self-reliant	2. DEPENDENCY	Interdependent / Acknowledges Need
Live by the Love of Law	3. THEOLOGY	Live by the Law of Love
Insecure / Lack peace	4. SECURITY	Rest and Peace
Strive for the praise, approval, and acceptance of man	5. NEED FOR APPROVAL	Totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace
A need for personal achievement as you seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all	6. MOTIVE FOR SERVICE	Service that is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
Duty and earning God's favor or no motivation at all	7. MOTIVE BEHIND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES	Pleasure and delight



THE SPIRIT OF AN ORPHAN	How do you Feel about?	THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP
"Must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt	8. MOTIVE FOR PURITY	"Want to" be holy; do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God
Self-rejection from comparing yourself to others	9. SELF-IMAGE	Positive and affirmed because you know you have such value to God
Seek comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity	10. SOURCE OF COMFORT	Seek times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father's presence and love
Competition, rivalry, and jealousy toward others' success and position	11. PEER RELATIONSHIPS	Humility and unity as you value others and are able to rejoice in their blessings and success
Accusation and exposure in order to make yourself look good by making others look bad	12. HANDLING OTHERS' FAULTS	Love covers as you seek to restore others in a spirit of love and gentleness





<b>THE SPIRIT OF AN ORPHAN</b>	How do you Feel about?	<b>THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP</b>
See authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission	13. VIEW OF AUTHORITY	Respectful, honoring; you see them as ministers of God for good in your life
Difficulty receiving admonition; you must be right so you easily get your feelings hurt and close your spirit to discipline	14. VIEW OF ADMONITION	See the receiving of admonition as a blessing and need in your life so that your faults and weaknesses are exposed and put to death
Guarded and conditional; based upon others' performance as you seek to get your own needs met	15. EXPRESSION OF LOVE	Open, patient, and affectionate as you lay your life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others
Conditional & Distant	16. SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE	Close & Intimate

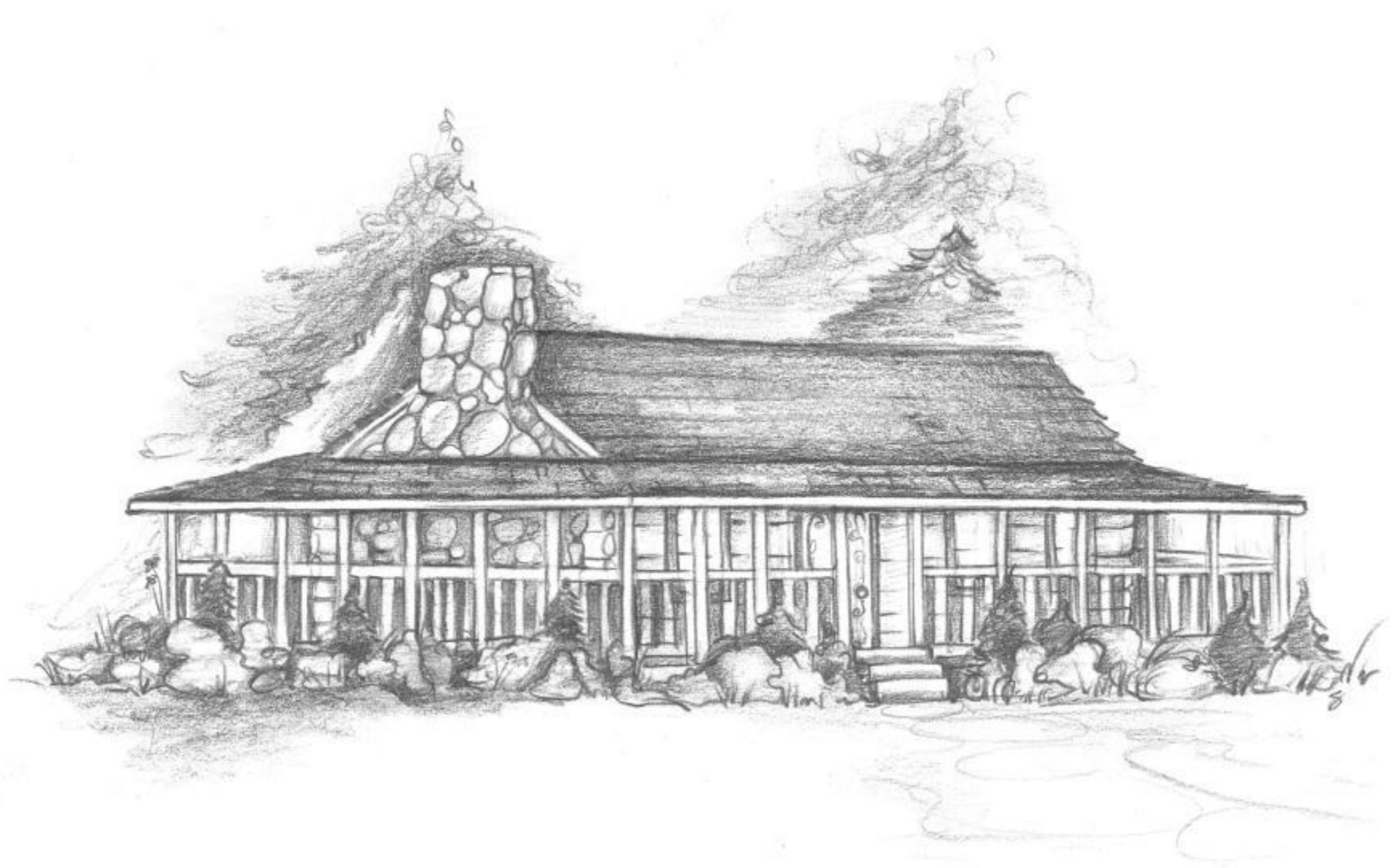


THE SPIRIT OF AN ORPHAN	How do you Feel?	THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP
Bondage	17. CONDITION	Liberty
Feel like a Servant/Slave	18. POSITION	Feel like a Son/Daughter
Spiritual ambition; the earnest desire for some spiritual achievement and distinction and the willingness to strive for it; a desire to be seen and counted among the mature.	19. VISION	To daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love to family and others.
Fight for what you can get!	20. FUTURE	Sonship releases your inheritance!



# Journal Application: Exercise

1. Declare I am a son of God
2. Ask the Lord what would He like to say to me about being a Son of God.
3. Write down what He says.
4. Share it with a neighbour













Session 6:  
Living in transparency:  
Performance





**“I am deeply loved and fully acceptable  
and pleasing to God”**



**“If I become the next Billy Graham God will not love me any more than I am loved.**

**If I never do another Christian activity God will not love me any less.”**



# Performance Indicators

- P** PEOPLE PLEASING - TENDS TOWARDS PERFECTIONISM
- E** EFFORTS BASED ON A NEED TO SUCCEED
- R** RECEIVES CRITICISM POORLY - NEEDS COMPLIMENTS
- F** FEELS LONELY
- O** OVERLY DEFENSIVE/COMPETITIVE FOR POSITION
- R** RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING/OVERLY BUSY
- M** MINISTERS BUT CAN'T RECEIVE MINISTRY
- A** ANGRY AND TIRED FROM EFFORTS OF CONSTANTLY PERFORMING
- N** NEEDS TO BLAME OTHERS
- C** CONTROLS PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS
- E** EMOTIONS CAN BE SUPPRESSED. BE KNOWN FOR WHOM YOU REALLY ARE



## *Prayer Ministry*

"I have great worth apart from my performance, because Christ gave his life for me and therefore imparted great value to me.

I am deeply loved, fully pleasing, totally forgiven, accepted and complete in Christ."

"Father, I choose now to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ for teaching my heart that I needed to perform to receive love and if I was unable to meet their expectations I was a failure."

"I speak out the truth. I am not a failure. I am loved. I choose to walk in that belief. I forgive you \_\_\_\_\_ for teaching me this lie. I release you. You owe me nothing.

Father, please surround \_\_\_\_\_ with your mercy and grace and teach them of your love as well. Amen



# Personal Journaling: Exercise

- Chose one of the performance indicators that you checked off and write it in your journal
- As the Lord what would you like to say to me about this?

Shaking Prayer Network Catch the Fire Shaking Prayer Network Catch the Fire

Session 7:  
Living in transparency:  
Desires of our heart













**Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of  
your heart.**

**Ps 37:4**



# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

- Make a list of your heart's desires and your life goals.
- Ask the Lord to provide them for you.
- Ask Him, "Lord what do You have to say about my heart's desires?"



# Key to Understanding Feelings

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

**Col 3:15**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**John 14:27**



## Personal Application: Feelings Exercise

- Write down a decision you need to make.
- Make a page for each option that you could take
- Focus your heart on the Lord and ask him to give you peace about the best answer
- Look at each answer and decide which answer gives you peace in your heart
- Discuss with a neighbor how you felt about each option





# Hearing God 101

Leaders: Bill & Sue Dupley

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# Sessions Overview

Nov 5

- Session 8: Living in Transparency: Road of worry
- Session 9: Living in Transparency: I need advice
- Session 10: Destiny: Knowing your role in the Kingdom of God
- Session 11: Anointing: His presence makes all the difference

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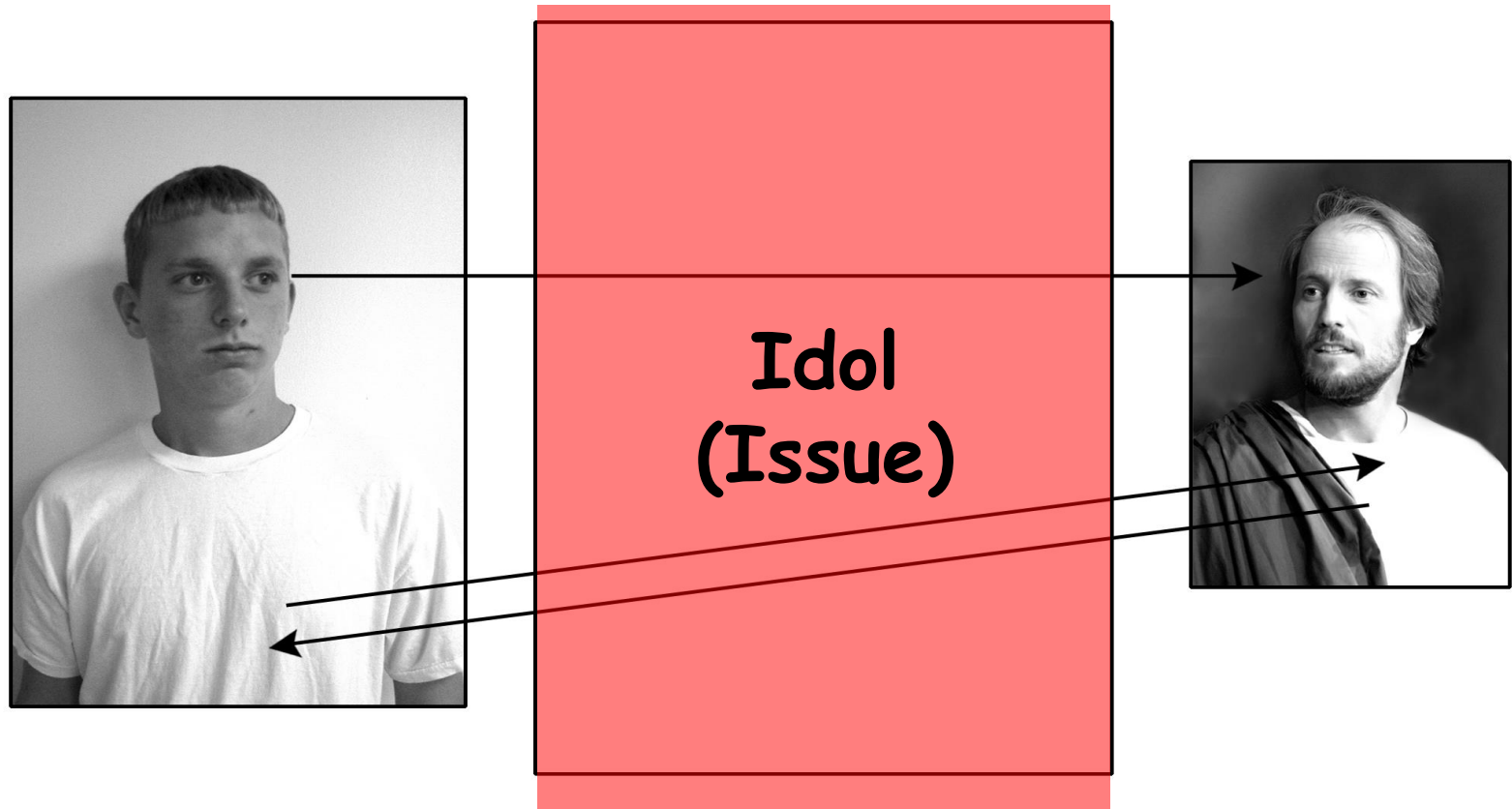
# Remove idols from your heart

## Praying with an Idol

*"...any man in the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will be brought to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols." (Ezek. 14:4)*



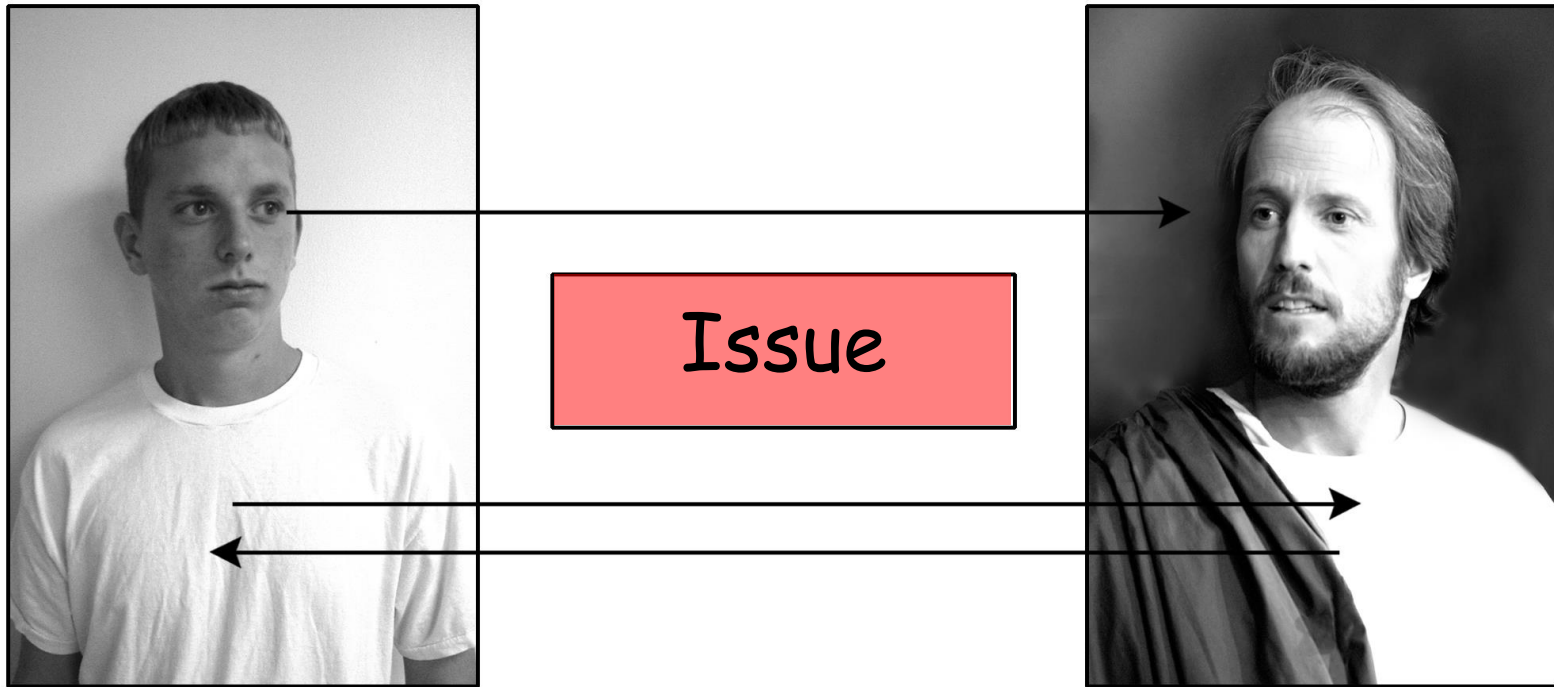
# Praying With An Idol



The answer comes back through the idol: "Yes"



# Praying Without An Idol



The answer comes back from Jesus:  
"Caution - No"





# Personal Application: Exercise

- ❖ List all things that you worry about?
- ❖ Decide if they are bigger than God
- ❖ Declare that God is bigger and repent of Idolatry



# Personal Application: Exercise

- ❖ Write out what God is going to do for you regarding each worry you have listed..

You will \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Declare out loud what God is going to do for you



# Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

- ❖ Ask the Lord what He would like to say to you about worry and anxiety and why do I feel like this worry and write it down.



## Psalm 21 Personal Declaration

- 1 O Lord, I rejoice in your strength. How great is Your joy in the victories you give!
- 2 **You have granted me the desire of my heart** and have not withheld the request of my lips.      Selah
- 3 You welcomed me with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on my head.
- 4 I asked you for life, and **you gave it to me**— length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 Through the victories you gave, my glory is great; **you have bestowed on me splendor and majesty.**
- 6 Surely **you have granted me eternal blessings** and made me glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the I trust in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High I will not be shaken.
- 8 **Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes.**
- 9 At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the Lord will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them.
- 10 **You will destroy their descendants from the earth,** their posterity from mankind.
- 11 Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed;
- 12 for **you will make them turn their backs when you aim at them with drawn bow.**
- 13 Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.



## Session 9:

Living in Transparency:  
I need advice



# Mentorship/Discipline

Heb. 12:5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

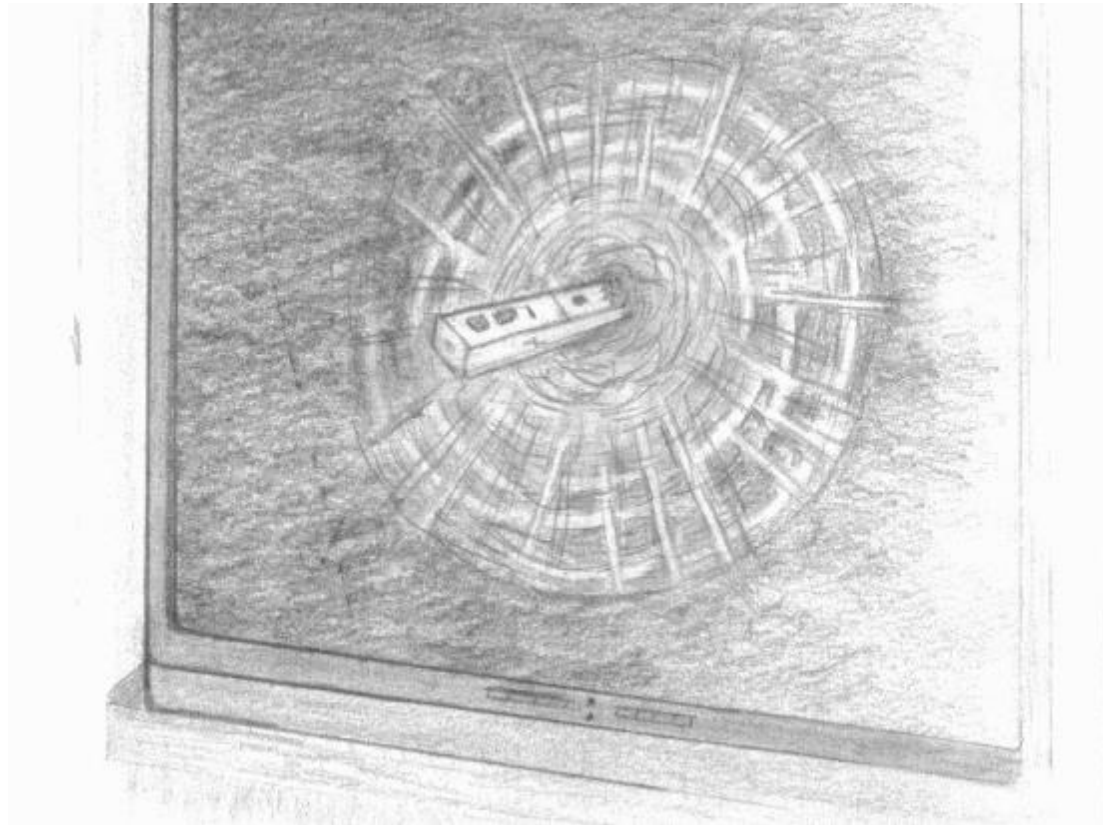
Heb. 12:6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."



# Types of Mentorship

1. Correction: You are my son
2. Instruction: Loosen blessing
3. Discipline: Do not judge
4. Exhortation: Warning

I Cor 14:3 But the one who prophecies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging, and comfort





# Journaling Exercise

1. Ask God
  - Is there an area of my life you would like to talk to me about
2. Write down your answer





Session 10:  
Destiny:  
Knowing your role in the Kingdom of God



“press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phil 3:14





# The Goal

Jesus tells us another very profound statement in a special sermon gave called the Beatitudes. He said

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matt 5:14-16



# Definition of Light

Light is the metaphor for:

- o insight,
- o clarity,
- o directive,
- o purpose,
- o wisdom, and
- o thought leadership.



# Definition of Light

## Light's Role

- o To show hope in darkness,
- o hope in despair,
- o wisdom in ignorance.

It is given to lead yourself, and others in the way to go

- o Common to all Light
- o Unique calling Light



# 1. Example of Light: Relationships





# God has now favorites

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. Acts 34:35"



# We are to have no favorites

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:1-4



## 2. Example of Light: No Pornography







### 3. Example of Light: Being Visible



**Jerry Lenz**



## 4. Example of Light: Honest Deal





## 5. Example of Light: Being Generous





## 6. Example of Light: Giving your time





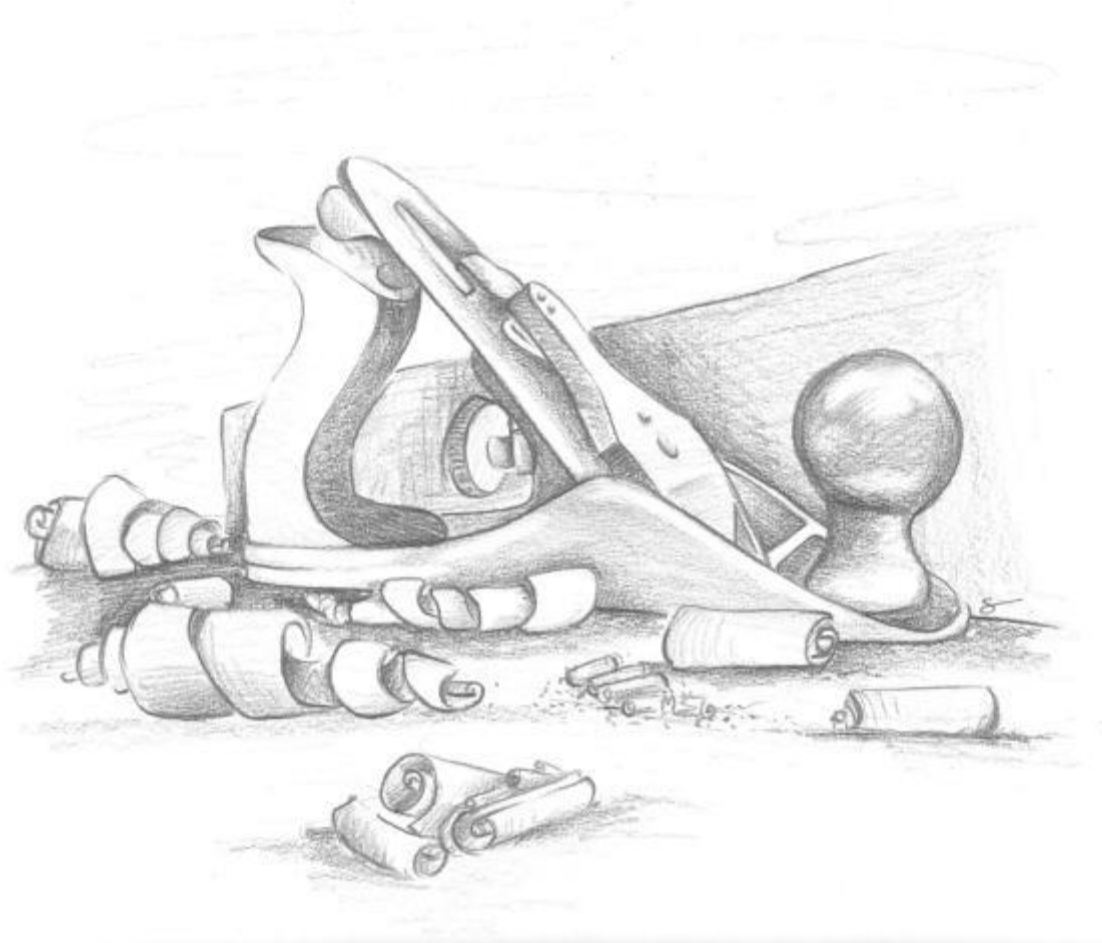


## 7. Example of Light: Showing Kindness





## 8. Example of Light: Hearing God at work





# Example of Light at Work

For example a practical demonstration of insight occurs when you:

- Uncover the root cause of problems both physical and spiritual.
- When you solve a problem at work,

You should call on the Lord, ask for light [wisdom], to solve it and He will give it to you. He doesn't just give it just for you,

He gives it to you for all those around you,

- your customers,
- your coworkers,
- your company,
- your community,

Wisdom is to be shared, to give direction to a company, it's people, it's products, and it's customers





# Unique Calling Examples

- o Business Plan development
- o Microprocessor trouble shooting
- o Marketing tag line
- o Thought Leadership seminars
- o Why do good companies fail white paper
- o Blogs



## Examples of Unique Calling and Destiny

- o 12 year old: raises Money for new playground
- o Nurse: Harvests unused medical equipment and sends it to Mexico
- o Heather: Prophetic Artist displays her work in hospitals, coffee shops and hair salons



## Examples of Unique Calling and Destiny

- Sara: Pastor's wife who raise dogs
- Brantford kids Festival: Local church runs a Kids event in local park
- Crocheting: Knitting hats for preemies and cancer victims
- Use what is in your hands



# *Creativity & Innovation and the Kingdom of God*

## **Town Festival**

The kingdom key that this church used to unlock the community was: *In a spirit of generosity and love they were servant of all.*

## **Wedding reception**

The kingdom key that this band used to unlock the heart of this man: *They gave freely of their God given talents and were servant of all.*

## **Flash worship**

The kingdom key these people used to unlock this city: *Unabashed unashamed public worship in unity*

## **Family Day**

The kingdom key this church has used here was: *God know the intents of the heart and they are not afraid to ask God for words of knowledge to unlock the belief, healing, and kingdom identity in the hearts of men and women.*



# Example of Light: Bring the Kingdom of God

## What is a Kingdom

- A kingdom is place where a King rules
- It is the realm of his influence, where his values, laws and enforcement are in operation
- A Kingdom is a governance model where the King is absolute ruler and his government and subjects follow his rules and values

## The Kingdom of God is:

- where God rules,
- where His values and laws are operational



## 3 positional statements Jesus states about the Kingdom of God

### 1. The Kingdom of God near

MT 3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

### 2. The Kingdom of God is within you

Lk 17:21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

### 3. The Kingdom of God has come upon you.

MT 12:28 But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.



# 1. Jesus Demonstrated the Kingdom over Human Bodies

He demonstrated it in His life. He evidenced the kingdom of God when

- o He healed the sick
- o Cleansed the lepers
- o Set the demonic free
- o Raised the dead





## 2. Jesus Demonstrated the Kingdom over Human hearts

He demonstrated it in His life. He evidenced the kingdom of God when

- o Spoke life to the down trodden prostitute
- o Spoke acceptance the women at the well
- o Restored Peter when he sinned
- o Acknowledged Thomas lack of faith and offered his hand to see put his fingers in the holes to build up his faith



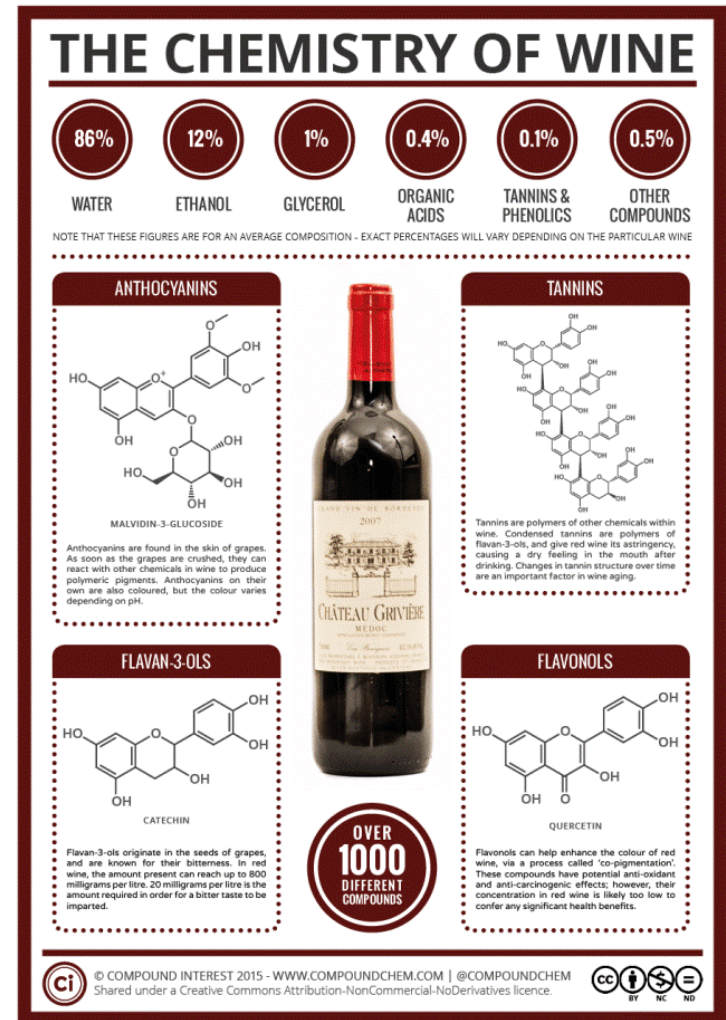
### 3. Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom over the world

- o This world and its government structures
- o The spiritual world and all the demons and Satan himself
- o All Nature: He caught a fish and it gave coin to pay His taxes
- o He rebuked the storm



## 4. Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom over Molecular Structure & Time

- He turned water into wine
- Chemical Transformation
- Nuclear transmutation involves the use of a particle accelerator to change one element into another
- The best wine takes at least 1 year to age





# Paul Demonstrated the Kingdom

- o My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, [5] so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. I Cor 2:4 & 5

We are called to do the same He said

- o I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12
- o He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Lk 9:2



# Example of Light: Bring the Kingdom of God Keys of the Kingdom.

Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



# Secrets of the kingdom

Matthew 13:11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."



# The Secrets are Revealed in His Commandments

1. Be the Light of the World
2. Love the Lord
3. Love your neighbor's
4. Family
5. Abide in Me
6. Honor your parents
7. Render unto Caesar
8. Go the extra mile
9. Stewardship
10. Leadership
11. Seek the kingdom of God





# The Realms of influence/control in this world system

- 1. Spirituality and Church*
- 2. Family/Community/Society*
- 3. Education*
- 4. Government and Law*
- 5. Media and Communication*
- 6. Arts and Entertainment*
- 7. Business and Finance*



# God's plan & Purpose for us

## Life

John 10: [9] I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## Joy

John 15: [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

## Peace

JN 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## Fulfillment

PS 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## Prosper

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..

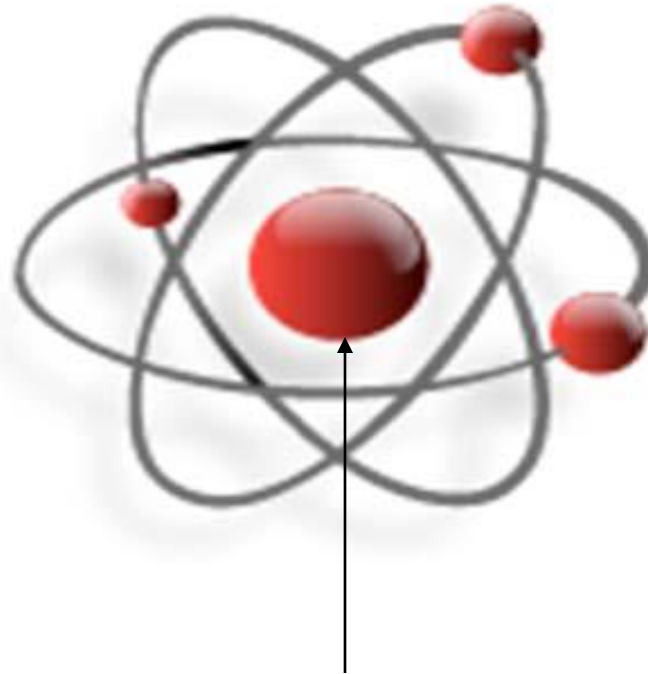


# Convergence

Intuition (where you hear God clearly)

Conscience  
(Knowing right from wrong)

Vision (life goals, what do want to accomplish)



Passions (desires, hopes and dreams)

Role

Signature strengths  
(Talents abilities)



# There are no secular or sacred jobs in the Kingdom of God

- King David was anointed for battle management and to rule a country
- Nehemiah was anointed for large scale project Management and Financial management
- Joshua was anointed for battle strategy
- Joseph was anointed for resource management and saved enough to feed the nation for seven years
- Hazel McCallian is anointed to lead Mississauga, She has run the city in the black for 24 years
- James Kraft was anointed to create processed Cheese and employs hundreds of thousands of people in His company



# Personal Application: Exercise

- ❖ List your Signature Strengths, talents, abilities
- ❖ List what you have Vision for
- ❖ List what you have conscience about
- ❖ List what you have passion about
- ❖ List areas you feel you have intuition
  
- ❖ What topics or areas show up in all five categories



# Journaling Exercise

- ❖ Ask The Lord what He says your role in His Kingdom is in light of this exercise
- ❖ Share what you have listed and what the Lord says with someone else and ask their opinion



# Journal Feeling Exercise

- ❖ Write down how you really feel about your destiny and calling
  - ❖ Do you feel good about it, or fearful
  - ❖ Capable or inadequate
  - ❖ Excited or depressed
  - ❖ Be honest
- ❖ Ask The Lord about your feelings write down what He says
- ❖ Share what you have listed and what the Lord says with someone else and ask their opinion



Session 11:  
Anointing:  
His presence makes all the difference



# How do I live in the Kingdom of God

- I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49
- Acts 1:4 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



# How do I live in the Kingdom of God

## o The Promise

- o But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



# 1<sup>st</sup> Empowering of the Holy Sprit

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4



# Anointing

1. Shepherds: Protect sheep's ears and heal their wounds
2. Kings, Prophet Priest: Anointed For purpose or role
3. Chosen One: Jesus Christ anointed by God to spread the Good news. We are little Christs (Christians) with the same mandate
4. It is an enabling gift or power to fulfill a ministry or the work of the kingdom

New Testament Greek words for "anoint" are *chrio*, which means "to smear or rub with oil, and by implication to consecrate for office or religious service"; and *aleipho*, which means "to anoint."



# Facts about the Anointing

It is more than symbolic, it is real,

- You can feel it, it has weight, it is thick,
- You can pour it out,
- You can throw it

Jesus used the anointing to the work of his ministry;

- Walked on the water
- Turned water into wine
- Fed the 5000 extravagantly
- He multiplied fish



# The Challenge of the Anointing

Samuel anointed both David and Saul.

1SA 16:13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. .

**Humility is a critical component to handling an increase in the anointing**





# Challenges of the Anointing

You can blow it.

1SA 15:17 Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

Saul fell when he was no longer looked at himself as small in your own eyes.



# Challenges of the Anointing

- The most dangerous person in the Kingdom of God is an gifted anointed person who has wounded heart

## Warning:

- Remember to stay little in your own eyes. We are just donkeys that carry the presence of the King
- Our Motto is must be lower still



# The anointing is increasing

- o The church is morphing from an organization into an organism. The five fold ministry is restored
- o the open Christianity movement that primarily means house churches, are very active
- o The participant base of the church, the number of believers taking active roles, has expanded by a factor of perhaps 100



# The anointing is increasing

- o Church growth outside of America is now breathtaking. Every morning, there are 175,000 more Christians in the world. And if current growth rates (8% a year) were to continue, everyone in the world would be a core apostolic Christian by 2032
- o The bottom line: The world is rapidly becoming all Christian.



# Iran Has the World's Fastest Growing Church: the Iranian awakening

- o *People in Iran, a Muslim-majority nation, are fleeing Islam in droves as believers bow their knee to Jesus and become aggressively pro-Israel,"*
- o "What if I told you the mosques are empty inside Iran?" he continues. "What if I told you no one follows Islam inside of Iran? Would you believe me? This is exactly what is happening inside of Iran. God is moving powerfully inside of Iran."

<https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/worlds-fastest-growing-church-women-documentary-film>



## Our responsibility at this time of Shift

ISA 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,

Because the LORD has anointed me

To preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives

and release from darkness for the prisoners,

The anointing enables us to this









# Living in God's Secret Place

