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EXPERIENCING GOD: GOD SPEAKS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE CHURCH TO REVEAL HIMSELF, HIS PURPOSE AND HIS WAYS.

I. Circumstances of daily life

1. God's perspective is vital.

Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

2. Do not try and understand what God is like from the middle of your painful circumstances.

3. Settle in your mind that God forever demonstrated His love for you on the cross.

4. Ask God to show you His perspective on what's happening.

5. The Holy Spirit will take the Word of God and help you understand your circumstances.

Exodus 6:9-12, "So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go back to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and tell him to let the people of Israel leave his country." "But LORD!" Moses objected. "My own people won't listen to me anymore. How can I expect Pharaoh to listen?"

Exodus 7:4-5, "Even then Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So I will bring down my fist on Egypt. Then I will rescue my forces—my people, the Israelites—from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment. When I raise my powerful hand and bring out the Israelites, the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD."

II. Circumstances affecting decisions

1. Identify your spiritual markers

A spiritual marker identifies a time of transition, decision, or direction when you clearly knew that God had guided you.

2. Every act of God builds on the past with a view toward the future.

III. Church in daily life

1. Each person needs to find their place of ministry in the church

IV. Church in making decisions

1. Trust God to give direction through other believers.