

• SEPTEMBER 28 •

EXPERIENCING GOD: KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

Reality #3 "God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

Exodus 3:7-10 "Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

I. Live in an intimate love relationship with God: Obey His commands

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?"

Deuteronomy 32:46-47, "he added: 'Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River.'"

II. Watch to see what the Father is doing

John 5:17, 19-20 "But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." ...So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.

God's revelation is your invitation to join Him.

Things that only God can do:

1. God draws people to Himself
2. God causes people to seek after Him
3. God reveals spiritual truth
4. God convicts the world of guilt regarding sin
5. God convicts the world of righteousness
6. God convicts the world of judgment

III. Action Steps

1. *Start praying*
2. *Make the connection*
3. *Ask probing questions*
4. *Listen attentively*
5. *Be prepared to respond*

IV. Understand two essentials about God and His will

1. *God speaks when He is about to accomplish His purposes*
2. *What God initiates, He completes*

Isaiah 46:11, "What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."