

**ENCOUNTERING  
THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

# 1. DELIGHT IN GOD

PS 37:4

DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

THE DESIRES OF MY HEART ARE DIFFERENT IN  
GOD'S PRESENCE THAT THEY ARE OUTSIDE OF  
GOD'S PRESENCE

## 2. GOD'S PRESENCE CHANGES US

WHEN IT IS GOD – IT IS MORE THAN OUR DETERMINATION TO BE DIFFERENT – BUT IT IS THE IMPACT OF HIS ACTUAL PRESENCE THAT CHANGES, PERMEATES OUR BEING AND WE FIND OURSELVES THINKING DIFFERENTLY, VALUING THINGS DIFFERENTLY, RESPONDING TO PROBLEMS AND TEMPTATIONS DIFFERENTLY.

## 2. GOD'S PRESENCE CHANGES US CONT.....

2 COR 3:17,18

NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS THERE IS FREEDOM.

WE WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES ALL REFLECT THE LORD'S GLORY, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS WITH EVER-INCREASING GLORY, WHICH COMES FROM THE LORD WHO IS THE SPIRIT

### 3. OUR RESPONSE

WHEN GOD COMES, AS WE ARE ALL UNIQUE  
AND WE RESPOND TO HIM IN DIFFERENT  
WAYS, HE COMES UPON US DIFFERENTLY AND  
UNIQUELY

(PS 37:4 – DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD)

### 3. OUR RESPONSE CONT...

PS 16:11

YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE PATH OF LIFE.

YOU WILL FILL ME WITH JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE; WITH  
ETERNAL PLEASURES AT YOUR RIGHT HAND.

PS 36:7-9

HOW PRICELESS IS YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, BOTH HIGH  
AND LOW MEN FIND REFUGE IN THE SHADOW OF  
YOUR WINGS. THEY FEAST ON THE ABUNDANCE OF  
YOUR HOUSE. YOU GIVE THEM DRINK FROM YOUR  
RIVER OF DELIGHTS. FOR WITH YOU IS THE FOUNTAIN  
OF LIFE, IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT

# PRACTICAL TOOLS

- COME HUNGRY – NO NEED TO STRIVE.
- FOCUS ON WHAT WHAT GOD IS DOING, NOT ON WHAT HE ISN'T OR WHAT YOU THINK HE SHOULD BE DOING.
  - HEARING GOD
  - FEELING GOD'S LOVE, HIS PEACE, HEALING, TOUCH
  - CREATIVE THOUGHT / INSPIRED THOUGHT
  - SCRIPTURE
- REST IN HIS PRESENCE UNTIL THE 'ENCOUNTER' WITH GOD COMES.
- ENGAGE YOUR MIND.
- JOURNAL YOUR EXPERIENCES / THOUGHTS.
- FOCUS ON GOD'S GOODNESS, HIS WORTH, HIS LOVE.