

# **Encountering God**

## A One-On-One Meeting With God

- ❖ An exceptional meeting with God that produces extraordinary results.

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#### 1. A Specific Place

- A place of aloneness – “*Jacob was left alone*” (Gen. 32:24)
- A place of stillness – “*enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul...for, behold he prayeth.*” (Acts 9:11)
- A place of quietness – “*Samuel was laid down to sleep*” (I Sam. 3:3)

#### 2. A Special Time

- A time of disillusionment – “(Gideon) *if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?*” (Judg. 6:13)
- A time of discouragement – “(Moses) *I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.*” (Num. 11:14)
- A time of despair – “(Elijah) *he requested for himself that he might die*” (I Kings 19:4)

#### 3. A Sensitive Heart

- A personal awareness of helplessness – “(Peter) *Lord, save me*” (Matt. 14:30)
- A personal acknowledgement of need – “(David) *Oh Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.*” (Ps. 86:1)
- A personal attitude of brokenness – “(Job) *the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away*” (Job 1:21)

#### 4. A Serious Crisis

- Failures of the past – “(Manasseh) *when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God.*” (II Chron. 33:12)
- Frustrations in the present – “(Jehoshaphat) *We have no might...neither know we what to do*” (II Chron. 20:12)
- Fears for the future – “(Abraham) *What wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless?*” (Gen. 15:2)

#### 5. A Sincere Prayer

- A prayer of desperation – “(Hannah) *out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken*” (I Sam. 1:16)
- A prayer of dependence – “(Asa) *help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee*” (II Chron. 14:11)
- A prayer of dedication – “(Mary) *be it unto me according to thy word*” (Luke 1:38)