



STUDY GUIDE

Your Invitation to a Lifestyle of God Encounters: Understanding Supernatural Experiences

"And we all, with unveiled face beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

I. Changed by His Presence

Does God still invade people's lives with supernatural encounters today? What happens when God gets hold of a person? How is a person's life changed by a God encounter? Certainly, as Scriptures show, nothing is ever the same again! We are changed from glory to glory as we Behold the Lord!

A. Key Biblical Figures Who Were Dramatically Changed:

1. Jacob's encounter in a dream in the wilderness at Bethel.
2. Moses' encounter at a burning bush.
3. Deborah's encounter with the fierceness of God.
4. Saul's encounter on the road to Damascus.

B. Key Church History Figures Who Were Dramatically Changed:

1. Augustine's encounter with the voice of God.
2. Joan of Arc's visionary encounters with God.
3. Dwight L. Moody's encounter with the calling of God.

4. Kathryn Kuhlman's Encounter with the relentless love of God.

C. The Testimony of Michal Ann Goll's Life-Transforming God Encounters

This amazing series of God encounters transpired over a nine-week period beginning on the Day of Atonement in 1991 with prolonged visitations every night from midnight until 5 am in the morning. A "Betty Crocker Homemaker" was transformed into a "Lionness of God" who was delivered from the fear of man to become a deliverer of thousands. Angelic visitations, the manifest fire of God, the audible voice of the Lord, signs and wonders, and even the song of God were all a part of these nightly historic visitations. (You can read about these occurrences in the books, ***A Call to Courage, God Encounters Today***, and ***Angelic Encounters***.)

II. God Encounters from My Personal Life

The following are a few of the life-changing God Encounters in my own personal life:

A. **Angelic Encounters**

At the end of 10 years of prayer, three times a day, morning, noon, and night, an angel came and blew a shofar to awaken me and declared, "It's time to begin!" This was a demarcation of a new period of time in the Body of Christ of renewal and refreshing where New Wine was poured out and Fresh Oil was available.

B. **Dream Encounters**

In a time of transition, I was given a vivid "flying dream" where I soared in the heavens, and I peered into a garden of flowers and a heavenly mansion. I had been in an intense time seeking the Lord for direction for my life, our family, and ministry. As I looked more closely, I saw someone I knew working in the flower garden. I even recognized her red dress she was wearing. It was my endearing, dedicated Aunt Mae Burns. She looked right up at me and stated,

“Do what matters.” I woke up out of that encounter and knew, “Do what matters the most. Yes, do what mattered the most!”

C. Visitation Encounters

In more recent times, while in a time of intense suffering, organs were shutting down in my body and pain was wracking my body, I went to heaven. I saw my parents and my wife while I was there. Every one thing and everyone was beautiful in heaven. Then a heavenly messenger flow through the translucent veil and stood in my bedroom while I remained in heaven, and spoke to me while I was in heaven. The messenger then spoke to me, *“You must stay on this side. Your assignment on this side is not yet complete.”* I then found myself soaring from heaven back to my body lying in my bed in my bedroom, and I was filled with the awareness, *“I must stay on this side. My assignment on this side is not yet complete.”*

D. Worship and Prayer Encounters

While in worship and prayer at midnight, in my back yard on Passover in 2020 in the height of the global pandemic, the voice of the Lord came to me, *“I have been waiting for such a long time for My people to slow down long enough in order that they could hear what I have to speak to them. I have new things I want to speak to them about the New Ways for the New Era. I want to speak to them about the New Wineskin for the New Wine. Will you be like Moses and turn aside? I am waiting there for you.”*

III. Keys to God Encounters

At times we overly complicate the supernatural dimensions of God. Do the simple, devotional things and watch as God will supply the grace to do the supernatural realms.

A. The Key of Listening and Obeying

1. Learn the art of listening (see James 1:19). Remember, we have two ears and one mouth!

2. Write down in a journal the key words that you hear from the Lord and that are confirmed (see Habakkuk 2:2).
3. Form an action plan of beginning steps of Obedience (see Deuteronomy 27:10).

B. The Key of Honoring the Blood of Jesus

1. Honor the Lord by receiving communion on a regular basis (see Matthew 26:26–28).
2. Get to know Scriptural benefits of the Blood of Jesus. (See the book, *Living a Supernatural Life*.)
3. Declare out loud what the Blood of Jesus has accomplished for you (see Revelation 12:11).

C. The Key of Loving the Body of Christ

1. The New Wine is found in the Cluster (see Isaiah 65:8).
2. Value the different members of the Body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:21).
3. We are to love the Body of Christ. (See John 13:35)

IV. The Purpose of God Encounters

A. Ten Purposes of Prophetic Revelatory Encounters

1. Dreams and visions are used to reveal God's promises.
2. Supernatural encounters often give direction, especially at major turning points.
3. Revelatory experiences give warnings.
4. Dreams and vision give instruction.
5. In the Spirit of revelation, God can deal with man in a special way.
6. Prophetic activity predicts the future.
7. Prophetic gifts give courage.
8. Dreams and visions are a major way God communicates to His people.
9. Revelatory grace draws us into worship.

10. Prophetic encounters cast new light and grant new perspective.

B. Prepares the Way

1. Prepares forerunners who open the way for others.
2. Prepares the way by removing obstacles.
3. Prepares prayer initiatives for global advancement.
4. Prepares reformers with strategies from heaven.
5. Prepares the Body of Christ for the larger purposes of God.
6. Prepares the networking for the Great End Time Harvest.
7. Prepares the way for the Second Coming of the Messiah.
8. Prepares the Bride for the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. Accepting Your Invitation to God Encounters

Heavenly Father, in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we know that the Holy Spirit is sending out special invitations into a lifestyle of God Encounters. We take the time to respond right now! We declare that we accept Your most precious invitation! We do not want to treat You as though You are only a special guest to our house and life. You are not the extra ingredient. You are the main thing! We want You to be at Home in our midst and to find Your resting place among us.

We desire to be changed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We long for a variety of God Encounters in our own lives. Send more angelic encounters and more visitations. Give us an increase of dreams and visions, and more of Your power and gifts of Your Spirit operating in each of our lives. Give us a greater hunger to seek Your face in worship and prayer. We do choose to turn aside and find You waiting there to meet with us. Yes, You are the prize and the purpose in this life! We declare that we will give away what has been given unto us! We believe that more God Encounters are just about to happen for such a time as this, for the Glory of God. Amen and amen!