

Adoration

You connect with God through adoration. You feel closest to God when you are ministering to His heart through worship. When you worship, you forget others are in the room because your attention and affection is focused on the King. Sounds, rhythms, cadence, and songs usher you into a deeper place. You can sing a lyric, but you digest the lyrics by meditating and focusing on the One whom your soul loves. This leads you to see more aspects of God and grow in intimacy with Him. You encounter Him the most when you worship because this is what He has created you for. You worship God with your voice and instruments, but you also worship Him by stopping throughout the day to tell Him how much you love Him. You connect with God through adoration by keeping your heart bent towards the Holy Spirit and keeping your ears available to hear what He is speaking to you.

In Exodus 32, the Levites were one of the 12 Tribes of Israel. They were set apart by their loyalty and zeal for the Lord. When the rest of Israel bowed to an idol, the Levites stood firm to only worship the one true living God. Because they were set apart, they were tasked with the responsibility of the Tabernacle and to usher in God's tangible presence through worship. Like the Levites, you minister to the Lord through music and focus on welcoming His Presence in every environment you are in. Looking at Jesus is the easiest way into the Throne Room. Worship is how you enter into His Presence. To worship Him is to live, so worship in Spirit and in Truth, in music and in action, in sorrow and in joy.

Suggested Activities

- Write songs, poems, or love letters to God.
- Create a playlist of worship songs that get you into the Presence of God for your daily encounters.
- Sing Scripture. When you sing Scripture, it can help you understand it.
- Picture the Lord in front of you as you worship. How does He want to reveal himself to you?
- Spend time with your instrument or voice with the Lord. Offer this to Him. Even one note moves His heart.
- Sing your heart to Him - sing spontaneous songs.
- When you worship, put your mind on seeing the face of Jesus so you can sing directly to Him. Worship is not for you! Sing about what He has done and who He is.
- Sing or declare the Psalms.
- Sing in your spiritual language.
- Listen to worship music or worship pads while reading your Bible.

Encouragement

In your worship, put your focus and adoration to the Lord instead of toward what is grabbing your attention. When you worship Him, you are magnifying the Lord over everything in your life. Some think worship is a response to a feeling, but worship is a response to who He is. Don't hold back your worship based on what you are feeling.

Worship the Lord at all times! The reason you can bless the Lord at all times is because He is worthy of worship at all times. You can give to Him before you receive. He is a rewarder of those who seek after Him (Hebrews 11:6). Find the way to give adoration to Him in the season you are in. Worship is a heart posture. Whether you can sing or you're not musically inclined, you don't need to perform. Your adoration moves God's heart, no matter what you sound like.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32, 1 Chronicles 23, The Book of Psalms, Psalm 34, Psalm 63, Psalm 84, John 4, John 12, Ephesians 5:15-21, Colossians 3, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 14, Hebrews 9, Hebrews 11:6

BOOKS

How to Worship a King by Zach Neese
Following the River by Bob Sorge

Compassion

You connect with God through compassion. You are the heart and the hands of the body of Christ. You feel the closest to God when you are serving the least of these because when you serve others you are doing it unto Jesus. When you lavish the Father's affection on other people, you feel the Father's love lavished on you. You are the first to aid a person who is in need and delight in being able to minister to those who are often forgotten. Where a funeral or a hospital room may be intimidating to some, you are drawn to those places because you see them as an opportunity to minister heaven on earth. You encounter God powerfully in these moments. You feel God's presence strongly when you are giving encouragement to someone. Jesus cared for the sick, the demon-possessed, the outcasts and the lost. Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing, and you have the desire to do what your Father is doing as well. You have a unique awareness of how God sees His people and how He cares for them. You love connecting people to the Body of Christ. You feel the closest to Jesus when you are showing compassion to others, because this is what Jesus did for you.

Suggested Activities

- Position yourself where there are opportunities for you to see people and their needs.
- Consider helping your church minister to those who are sick, volunteer in a food bank, or to go on outreaches in your city. Serve your church on Sundays!
- Ask God to show you how He was "moved with compassion" and be filled with the same power.
- Study how the Bible calls us to care for others.
- Set aside moments during your time with the Lord to reflect on the times you have cared for someone in need. Ask God to show you the worship in your service.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight to you people who need encouragement. Ask Him to speak to you!
- Consider going on outreaches in your city and mission trips abroad.

Encouragement

Your value is not in what you do, but in who you are. The Holy Spirit gives you the grace and strength to be the hands and feet of Jesus, but remember that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. It is not your responsibility to take on the weight of the world, but to love people well so they see Jesus through you. When your identity becomes what you do, ask God to tell you who you are and listen to His response. When you connect with God through compassion, take to heart that you are first a son or a daughter. Take time to receive from from the Holy Spirit before you pour out onto people. You can't pour from an empty cup. The Father was well pleased with Jesus before He ever started His public ministry. The same is true for you! He is pleased with you not by your works, but because of whose you are.

SCRIPTURE

Esther 2:11, Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 16:49, Matthew 6:1-34, Matthew 18:12-14, Matthew 25:31-40, Mark 1:-35-39, Luke 10:24-37, John 3:14, 1 Corinthians 12, Colossians 3, 1 Peter 3:8, James 1:27, Hebrews 6:10, 1 John 3:17

BOOKS

Love Does by Bob Goff
 Servolution: Starting a Church Revolution Through Serving by Dino Rizzo
 In the Heart of the World by Mother Theresa
 Compelled by Love by Heidi Baker

Conversation

You connect with God through conversation. It is easy to hear God when you are in His presence. When you ask Him questions, He speaks to you. When you have to make decisions (big or small), ask the Holy Spirit what you should do. When you have questions about what you are reading in Scripture, ask Jesus to show you what He means. When you need to be reminded of your identity, ask the Father what He says over you. Talk to Him about how you feel, what you are thinking about, things that are concerning you or challenging you. Ask Him for wisdom. There is nothing too small or too big to talk to the Lord about. Conversing with the Lord is wanting God to be involved in every aspect of your life. You desire to know what is on His heart and His mind. Inquiring with God brings you into His Presence. He delights in your questions. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). When He speaks to you, respond. Ask Him to teach you.

Suggested Activities

- Make a list of questions or topics to talk to God about. Ask Him out loud!
- Invite the Holy Spirit into every aspect of your life. Ask God what His thoughts are about your job, your family, your calling, the burdens you feel, your city, etc.
- Continue the dialogue with the Holy Spirit when He speaks to you.
- When something is overwhelming you, talk to the Lord about it. You can enter into freedom by talking to the Lord and releasing what is burdening you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit, "What are you teaching me?"
- When you hear Him, decide to obey whatever He says.
- Acknowledge God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit separately.
- Journal your conversations with God, either physically or digitally.
- As you grow in hearing God, find people to share your conversations with. Share what you hear God speaking with your family, friends, leaders and mentors.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT THESE QUESTIONS:

- What do You want to teach me today?
- Who do You say I am?
- What is on Your heart and on Your mind?
- What are Your promises over my life?
- Is there anything preventing me from receiving from You fully?
- Am I in Your perfect will? Is there anything that I am doing that I should not be doing anymore? Is there anything that I am not doing that I should be?

Encouragement

Daily conversations are the foundation of a good relationship. When you connect with God, you are entering into a two-way conversation. You are not just telling the Lord what is on your mind, but you are hearing what is on His. Don't get frustrated if you don't hear right away. Keep asking Him questions. God delights in your questions. You can ask Him anything! There is nothing too big or too small to ask Him. God may speak to you through a thought, Scripture, visions or dreams. Remember, God's answers will never contradict what His Word says in Scripture. Continue your conversations by reading what His Word says. While conversation with God is impactful, make sure this is not the only thing you do to connect with God. Set aside intentional time to pray, worship, and read your Bible.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3, 1 Samuel 3, Psalm 27:4, Psalm 29, Psalm 46, Psalm 116, Job, John 10, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Philippians 4:6-7 James 1

BOOKS

Good Morning Holy Spirit by Benny Hinn
Pleasure of His Company by Dutch Sheets
Walking with God by John Eldridge
Hearing God by Nathan Finocchio

Creation

You connect with God best when you are in His creation. You feel there is no better place for you to meet with God than in the sanctuary that He has created Himself: nature. You love to be outside. It is in nature that you most easily connect with God's presence, hear His voice, and are moved to worship by the observation of His majesty. You connect with the greatness of God; His grandeur and the expanse of His being as you are immersed in creation. It draws you close and brings biblical concepts to life in a way that cultivates revelation and helps you receive truth. You feel that the sense of awe and peace experienced in nature cannot be replicated in any other setting. Your relationship with God grows in His creation because you see Him in what He has created - whether that is in the fields, mountains, or in people.

Both an orchestra of the earth and perfect silence await you as you connect with God in creation. God may speak to you about His love and character by using nature imagery. For example, "My love for you is greater than the expanse of the ocean" or "I can move the greatest mountain with a word" or "I spoke and everything you see came into existence."

Suggested Activities

- Open up your curtains to see outside during your daily encounters.
- Have a go-to outdoor spot where you can regularly to meet with the Lord alone.
- Try reading your Bible and journaling outside - being in God's creation may help you get more out of your time with God.
- When you feel stressed or overwhelmed, go for a walk outside with the Lord. Speak to Him about what is on your mind and listen for His thoughts.
- As you read your Bible, notice the physical landscape and settings of the story you are reading. Ask God what specific insight and connections He wants to reveal.
- Be present to see the beauty of God's creation in people and in nature.
- Go on a nature retreat or weekend getaway to connect with God.
- Explore new locations, trails, lakes, etc.
- Invite God into your outdoor hobbies and passions (i.e. fishing, hunting, hiking, etc).

Encouragement

Connect with God through creation, but don't let your connection with God be only about an external atmosphere. Instead, posture your heart to encounter God daily. When you prepare your heart and mind to encounter the Holy Spirit and hear His voice, you will be able to encounter Him whether you are in nature or not! Be intentional to find the beauty in what is in front of you.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1-2, Job 38-39, Psalm 8, Psalm 19, Psalm 36:5-9, Psalm 96, Isaiah 40, Romans 1:19-20

BOOKS

Indescribable: Encountering the Glory of God in the Beauty of the Universe by Louie Giglio and Matt Redman

Expression

You connect with God through expression. When you express through creativity, you are beholding your Creator and reflecting His image. You feel the closest to God when you are able to commune with Him while creating something - whether it is through writing, drawing, painting, playing an instrument, dancing, filming, editing, styling, or anything that is creative. This is how you have conversation with the Lord. You may create during your encounter with God, or after you have heard from Him. When you create, you can slow down to hear God and catch the revelatory gifts He wants you to partner with. When you create, you are able to enter into freedom because you surrender yourself and your thoughts, and are able to hear God's voice. Because you are looking at the Lord when you are creating, there is an intimacy that is shared. There is sanctity in knowing He has trusted you. There is surrender, communion and a closeness that you experience when you are creating with the Lord that brings healing to your heart, fresh revelation, and innovative ideas and solutions. Creating can be a healing balm to you because your expression is an avenue of connection with the Holy Spirit where there can be an exchange of lies for His truth. This is how the Lord speaks to you in the way you will understand Him. You are reflecting the nature of your Creator when you express in creativity, so behold the Creator, and create.

Suggested Activities

- You are able to be His expression when you know what is on His heart. In your daily encounters, seek His heart and His mind by asking Him what He is saying and doing. Create from this space.
- Create a space to connect with God. Create an altar in your home where you can remove distractions to hear His voice and create from a blank canvas. Create a space that appeals to your five senses - sight, sound, smell, taste and touch. Light a candle, adjust the lighting, play music, etc.
- Identify what creative outlet you need to be engaging in. This is how you respond to what you are hearing God say!
- Enter into your divine imagination. Don't discredit the imagination that God has given you.
- Sometimes you need to express before you enter into His presence, so you can surrender and process with Him. Other times you create after your daily personal encounter. Discover when you should create instead of resisting what you are feeling and how He is leading you.

Encouragement

As a creative, you can't get away from being creative! Embrace your creative tendencies instead of trying to push them aside. To encounter God is to let Him see you fully. Don't resist how you were created. He has made you in His image to be creative. Those who connect with God through expression use their creativity to encounter God's presence, but also have the unique opportunity to bring other people into an encounter with the Lord through their gift.

Remember you are ministering unto the Lord and not unto man. The worst thing you could do is draw attention to yourself; the best thing you can do is draw attention onto God! God delights when you connect with Him the way He created you to! When you are intentionally pursuing intimacy with the Holy Spirit while creating, He is removing any guilt or shame. This is intimacy and not performance.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1, Exodus 31:1-11, Exodus 35-36, Deuteronomy 28, Psalm 51:10, Proverbs 22:29, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:23-24

BOOKS

Called to Create by Jordan Raynor
Awake by Bosa Odiase

Fasting

You connect with God through fasting. When you deny your flesh and feed your spirit, you feel closest to God. When you fast, you are resetting your appetite on the things of the Spirit. This spiritual discipline awakens your sensitivity to hear God's voice, see what He wants to show you and be led into the things He is calling you to. Fasting creates a supernatural faith and a spiritual strength. You intentionally withhold your desires to draw closer to God. Fasting is not just abstaining, but it is filling yourself up with the things of God. Like Daniel, you are resolved to not be filled with things of the world, but full of the Holy Spirit. When you intentionally withhold (whether it is entertainment, social media, food, etc.), you are able to set distractions aside to fully lean into what God is saying in clarity.

TYPES OF FASTS:

- Water Only Fast (Jesus, Moses, Elijah)
- Partial Fast (Daniel)
- Full Fast (Esther)
- Liquid Fast (juicing)
- Sex fast for Married Couples (1 Corinthians 7:5)
- Corporate Fast (All Israel)
- Fast Anything! (TV, Social Media, Spending, etc. / Whatever the Lord puts on your heart to fast)
- Weekly, Monthly, Yearly Fasts

Suggested Activities

- Ask yourself, "What do I need to give up to connect with God?" "What is keeping me from a deeper connection with God?"
- Ask the Lord what to name your fast and what to expect. Put a demand of faith on your fast!
- Ask God what to fast (food, media, entertainment, etc.) and reset your appetite to hunger and thirst for Jesus.
- Ask God how long you are supposed to fast.
- Have a fasting journal. Document what you are praying about, what you are hearing God say, and the breakthroughs that happen after the fast.

- Be obedient, but also wise in your fasting! You can learn to grow in fasting whether it's meals, days, weekends, weeks, or extended fasts.

Encouragement

Without prayer, it's just a diet. While you are withholding entertainment, social media or food, be intentional about filling yourself up with the Lord through prayer, worship and reading your Bible. It is not a fast unless you lean into your daily personal encounters with God. Jesus was tempted when He was fasting. This is why it is important that we daily encounter Him while we fast. Take time to be with the Lord outside of your typical

discipline and agendas for no other reason than to be with Him and to hear what is on His heart. Don't allow shame to settle in if you break your fast before it's over—you can restart and keep going! Jesus responded to attacks from the enemy with the Word of God. When you fast, fill yourself up with His Word. Be cautious of boasting while you are fasting, but if someone asks if you are fasting you can answer. Don't be weird about it! Pursue humility while you fast, because fasting opens doors that no man can open. Jesus began His ministry by fasting. Fasting gives you access to His throne, and breakthrough comes after the fast.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 9:9-11, Esther 4, Ezra 8:21-23, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 40, Isaiah 40, Isaiah 58, The Book of Daniel, Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 6, Matthew 9:14-17, Matthew 17, Luke 4, Galatians 5

BOOKS

The Jesus Fast by Lou Engle
Fasting by Jentezen Franklin

Learning

You connect with God through learning. You place a high value on loving God with your mind. You are not content with trite answers or shallow responses, but rather you seek the depth of knowledge of God in every situation. You have a lot of questions, and these questions drive you to learn and ask God for insight until you feel a resolve within yourself. You need to understand not only what you believe, but why you believe it. You know that the truth sets people free, therefore you value knowing and sharing the truths of God so people can experience that freedom. You feel the closest to Him when He gives you revelation on His word and His nature. Revelation is God giving you access to see something you didn't see before. When you pray, you speak to God and when you study, God speaks to you. Through learning, you enter into God's presence and you feel the closest to Him when He shares His revelation with you. Your prayer is, "God, teach me Your ways so that I may know You!"

Suggested Activities

- Read the Bible through the lens of gaining understanding and knowledge of who God is and the way He relates to His people. This will help you connect to the heart of God as well as gain knowledge about Him.
- Invest in biblical study. Use tools to help enhance your study and understanding of scripture such as commentaries, websites (BlueLetterBible.org or BibleHub.com), Logos software, etc.
- Read books that give a deeper understanding of God's Word.
- Do a year-long in depth study of one topic.
- Listen to podcasts and sermons from a wide array of communicators. Be sure to include those that challenge the way you think and believe.
- Invite God into your curiosity!
- Don't be limited to studying Scripture or history, encounter God by learning from different resources.

Encouragement

Lean into your daily encounters to know God and not just know about Him. When He teaches you and gives you understanding, He is giving you access to Himself. As you are learning, ask God to show you things in a different way and receive His revelation about who He is and who you are.

When God is teaching you, follow His leading. Don't limit yourself to the Bible plan you are reading. If God is speaking to you, allow yourself to take extra time on a single word, phrase or portion of Scripture. Part of connecting with God through learning is allowing space to go down the rabbit-trails He is leading you into through Scripture—there is revelation waiting for you as you follow His lead. The Holy Spirit is the best teacher, and He wants to reveal new things to you each time you sit down to listen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2, Deuteronomy 33:10, 1 Kings 4:29-34, Pslam 49, Proverbs, Zechariah 4, John 8, 2 Timothy 2:15

BOOKS

The Enduring Word Commentary by David Guzik
 Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
 Bible Study Methods by Rick Warren
 Spirit filled Bible by Jack Hayford
 How to Read the Bible for All its Worth by Douglas Steward
 Understand the Bible in 30 Days by Max Anders
 Knowing Doctrines of the Bible by Myer Pearlman

Meditation

You connect with God through meditation. Meditation is intentionally focusing and directing your thoughts on God. You connect with God by saturating yourself in His presence and meditating on His Word. Scripture is your meeting place. Through meditation, you are able to slow down to hear what the Holy Spirit wants to show you as you read, contemplate, reflect and apply Scripture to your life. To meditate is to lean into the fact that every word in Scripture is God-breathed. When you slow down to read, you are preparing yourself to catch every word God is speaking. You see the Bible as not something to just learn from, but you allow it to transform you. It is through meditation that the Word of God renews your mind and your thoughts. What you behold is who you become, so when you behold Jesus in Scripture and meditate on Him and His words, you are allowing them to renew your thoughts to be like His. When you do this, you feel the closest to God because you are uniting with Him in all things. He reveals Himself to you when you look at Him, then you are able to see yourself the way He sees you.

Suggested Activities

- Reflect on each word in Scripture like it is pregnant with revelation. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and show you what He wants to teach you.
- Memorize Scripture.
- Meditative Prayer—this is a prayerful reflection of a biblical text or theme/use of something you can see, taste, touch, hear or smell (Lecto Devina - place yourself into the passage).
- Create declarations based on Scripture to meditate on.
- Close your eyes, imagine yourself doing the things you read about in Scripture.
- Declare out loud who you are and what God says about you according to Scripture.
- In your daily encounter, stop when something stands out and meditate on what God is imparting into your heart.
- Try to intentionally insert Scripture you have memorized into every day conversation. This is how you apply Scripture into your daily life.
- Think and direct your mind towards God and the things of God. Philippians 4:8-9 tells us to think

about what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, if there is any excellence, things that are worthy of praise. Think on these things and put into practice what the Holy Spirit tells you.

Encouragement

Give yourself freedom to pause when you are reading Scripture. It is not about how much you read, but how God is speaking to you. One verse has unlimited revelation that He wants to reveal to you. In Ezekiel 3, Ezekiel is commanded to eat the scroll. Likewise, when you are meditating on God's word, you are eating His words to fill your belly, digest it, and allow it to transform you. Meditation is like eating healthy. Your mind gets renewed as you reflect on Scripture, but eating one healthy meal doesn't make you healthy unless you continue to make it a practice. Keep returning to God and His Word, continue to take every thought captive and align it with Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make your thoughts like His.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1, Psalm 62, Psalm 119, Isaiah 55, Jeremiah 15:16, Timothy 4:15, Matthew 6: 5-8, Colossians 3:1-13, Philippians 4:8

BOOKS

Sanctuary of the Soul: Journey Into Meditative Prayer by Richard J. Foster
Ancient Paths by Corey Russell

Movement

You connect with God through movement. When you are physically moving, you are able to remove distractions and thoughts from the day to give God your full attention and affection. You connect with Him best by moving - whether it's running, walking, dancing, working with your hands, or changing positions during worship. In movement, you are able to hear God's voice clearly. You have learned to hear and obey in movement. When you move, you are being led by the Holy Spirit in the simple actions of taking steps, but He also meets with you in this space to lead you into more intimacy through obedience. Movement releases faith and freedom, which opens the door to a childlikeness that gets you into God's presence.

Suggested Activities

- Go on a prayer walk or run and talk with God.
- Be aware of what movements guide you into connecting with God.
- When you move, allow distractions to fade and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you.
- Talk to the Holy Spirit and listen while you exercise. Pray, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening!"
- Listen to the Bible while you are moving.
- What do you enjoy doing? Invite the Holy Spirit into your everyday activities.
- When you feel overwhelmed, get up and move. Go on a walk and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you.
- In your daily encounter, move into different rooms or spaces.
- Physically act out Scripture or prophetic movements. (Example: Physically throw your burdens onto the Lord, put on the armor of God, etc.)

Encouragement

Become aware of His Presence when you are moving. When you feel His Presence come, acknowledge it by raising your hands, kneeling, clapping, thanking Him, etc. This is how you are intentional with God during your daily encounters. It's important for you to discern the difference between connecting with the Lord through movement, and staying busy. A husband and wife can talk while doing the dishes, but there is time set apart for dates where the focus is to be together. Make sure the time you set aside to move is in the pursuit of connecting with God. Don't limit your encounters to just one type of movement. Ask God what movement He wants you to engage in to encounter Him.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-2, Genesis 3:8, Genesis 12, Exodus 14, Numbers 9:17, Psalm 23, Psalm 116:9, Isaiah 40:27-31, Acts 17:24-28

BOOKS

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence
Hosting the Presence by Bill Johnson

Reformation

You connect with God through reformation. One of the ways you connect with God is by partnering with Him to make the crooked ways straight. He has given you a burden for the same things that are on His heart. Your daily encounters are filled with prayer and petition for God's restorative justice to be released in the earth and your daily encounters continue when you put your prayers into action. As a reformer, you feel closest to God when you know what is on His heart. You find pleasure in pleasing Him. Your prayer is, "On earth as it is in Heaven!" You encounter God powerfully in bringing reformation, because it originated in God's heart and you get the honor of partnering with Him on the earth. Reformation is a byproduct of knowing God & having your heart turned toward Him. You bring reformation through your daily encounters because in these moments, the Lord is also reforming you.

Suggested Activities

- Search your heart to find what burden God has already placed within you, and ask Him what He wants you to do about it.
- Learn as much as you can about what God has given you a passion for, and then share it with people in your life. You can inspire change in a big way by educating people on something they would never know about otherwise.
- Prayer walk the city you live in, government properties, colleges, etc.
- Petition Heaven in prayer by asking God how you should pray.
- Evangelize! You are reforming the earth by sharing your faith.
- Reflect and ask the Holy Spirit, "What is inside of me that needs reformation?"

Encouragement

You go against the grain of culture as a reformer. Remind yourself to walk in the fear of the Lord rather than the fear of man. Many of those who connect with God through reformation don't fit in the world. God has created you for such a time as this. Keep leaning into His heart.

As a son or daughter, remember it is your Father who does the heavy lifting in bringing reformation to the earth. You get to partner with the Ultimate Reformer, Jesus, in bringing heavenly justice and making the crooked ways straight. Lean into intimacy with God before going out in action. Partner your passion with God's timing and His heavenly strategy.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 68, Psalm 139:23-24, The Book of Nehemiah, The Book of Esther, Isaiah 40, Isaiah 52, Galatians 1:10

BOOKS

The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer by Andrew Murray
 The Dream King by Will Ford and Matt Lockett
 Teach us to Pray by Corey Russell
 Gift of Tears by Corey Russell
 Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill

Remembrance

You connect with God through remembrance. When you remember what He has done, you feel close to the Lord. Through remembrance, you enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. When you remember, you are given access into His presence. You enter into God's presence daily by raising up your Ebenezer (1 Samuel 7:12), which is an altar of remembrance for how God has helped you. To you, remembering can look like going back in your journals at what God told you or did in past seasons, taking communion to reflect on His body and His blood, stewarding prophetic words, or partnering with the saints of past generations in celebrations and traditions. You are brought into God's presence when a song brings you back to an encounter you had with Him in the past. You encounter the Holy Spirit when you remember His faithfulness. Remembering can look like intentionally looking back in history at the moves of God and partnering with them now. When you look back, you are able to look forward with hope for the future. Remembrance is something that God taught Israel. Israel was often instructed to reflect and remember before entering into a new season. The act of remembering was woven into every part of their culture because when we remember, we worship.

Suggested Activities

- Enter into your daily encounter with thanksgiving and praise. Take time to thank Him. Ask yourself, "Have I thanked God today?"
- Journal what God is speaking to you in your daily encounters so you can steward His words and remember what He is calling you to.
- Go back to old journals to remember and reflect on what God has done in your life.
- Research past revivals and Church history.
- Steward prophetic words by writing them down, asking God about them, and partnering with them.
- Write out chronological acts of God's goodness in your life to see how He was present in order to cultivate thankfulness.
- Go back to a place you once connected with God, and do it again.
- Look at how Israel was instructed to remember. Research Jewish holidays such as Shabbat, Passover, First Fruits, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, etc.

Encouragement

You remember so you can move forward. Remembrance is a way that we can move forward with God in gratitude. Remembrance is not being stuck in the past, but an invitation to recall God's faithfulness, His presence, and past encounters that catapult you into new ones. When you remember, you can see who God is. When it is difficult to remember, invite the Holy Spirit to walk with you and show you His presence in the past. Ask Jesus where He is with you in the present, and how He will lead you into your future.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Deut. 8, Joshua 4, Psalm 77, Psalm 78, Psalm 102:12-28, Psalm 136, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 11:24, 2 Peter 1:12, 2 Peter 3:1-2

BOOKS

Do this in Remembrance of Me by Paul L Staack
Stones of Remembrance: Healing Scriptures for Your Mind, Body, and Soul by Dr. Daniel Amen

Solitude

A way you connect with God is through solitude. You feel close to God when you get alone to meet with Him. In this special union, you are able to be intimate and vulnerable with the Lord. When you know it is just you and Him in the room, you are able to enter into the Holy Place, where God's Presence is. Your desire is to give Him all of your attention and affection, so you remove all distractions. When you get alone with the Lord, everything changes because you feel seen, heard and safe. To you, getting alone is a holy and a sacred time. Solitude is not just getting alone or sitting in silence, it is the act of listening. There is no greater intimacy than getting alone with God, so that when He whispers, you absorb everything He says.

Suggested Activities

- Spend time with God early in the morning or late in the evening - your quiet time of choice.
- Take trips in solitude to be alone with God.
- Practice silence.
- Regularly plan a time to turn off your media devices to give that time and space to the Lord.
- You can get alone with God at anytime. Find pockets of your day to set apart for an encounter.
- You hear God best when you are in stillness. In this stillness, you are able to feel Him when He enters the room. In your encounter, wait for the moment you feel His presence invade your quietness.
- Even when you are in a corporate encounter, you can connect with God by silencing out what is happening around you and finding the connection there.
- Communicate to those in your house that you need time in solitude for your daily encounters. Make preparations to get alone with God.

Encouragement

Your relationship with God is built upon spending time alone with Him. Solitude requires preparation. Plan and prepare for your daily encounters with the Lord. Remove distractions that take your attention away from Jesus. You just need simplicity to lead you into His presence; remember little connections create a big impact. Don't get discouraged if you don't feel Him every time, make sure He feels you. Keep setting aside intentional time. Don't get weary in spending time in solitude in your daily encounters. Intimacy is achieved when you get alone with Him.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33 , 1 Kings 19, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7, Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 62, Jeremiah 29:12-13, Luke 6:12-13, Mark 6:31-32,

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