

# GOD'S WAY WITH

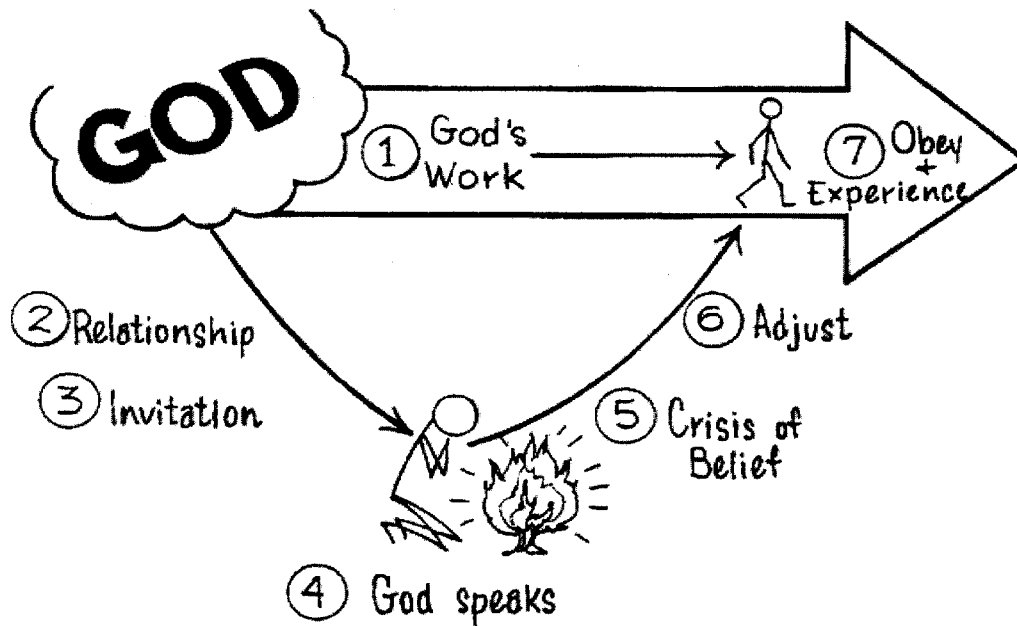


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# HIS SERVANTS

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**Session 1-This is a Test**

## SEVEN REALITIES OF EXPERIENCING GOD



1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

# BACKGROUND: God is at Work

*Right now God is working all around you, as well as in your life. One of the greatest tragedies among God's people is that, although they deeply long to experience God, they are encountering Him day after day but do not recognize Him.*

*~ Dr. Henry Blackaby*

*My aim for our time together is simple... We will observe the activity of God in the lives of several Biblical characters, and begin to see the patterns and principles that will allow you to clearly identify God's activity in and around your life.*

*We would know \_\_\_\_\_ about God had He chosen not to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself!*

There are two kinds of revelation:

## **General** revelation and **Special** revelation

These are the two ways God has chosen to reveal (\_\_\_\_\_) Himself to humanity.

1) General revelation refers to the general truths that can be known about God through ***nature***.

2) Special revelation refers to the more specific truths that can be known about God through the ***supernatural***.

Psalm 19:1-4

Romans 1:20

Psalm 19, Romans 1:20 teaches that God's eternal power and divine nature are "clearly seen" and "understood" from what has been made, and that there is no excuse for denying these facts. With these Scriptures in mind, perhaps a working

definition of general revelation would be “the revelation of God to all people, at all times, and in all places that proves that God exists and that He is intelligent, powerful, and transcendent.”

What are some “miraculous mean” or supernatural ways that God has spoken?

Why is it important that God has spoken? (Given Special Revelation)

*Christianity is not rooted in philosophy or ideas...  
but rather in HISTORY! Jesus' coming to Earth  
was special revelation to us... an act of Grace!*

God spoke to Abraham, Joseph, Moses and many others, because He had a plan for His people. God is involved in the affairs of our lives! That is GOOD NEWS! Without Him, we would be helpless, but He chooses to reveal Himself!

**Abram, part 1 This Is A Test**

**The intention of a Testing** -the intention is to produce good... character

**The intention of a Temptation** - the intention is to produce evil

In an academic setting - the goal is to see if you know the answers

In the faith arena (spiritual arena) The goal is not that we know the answers, but we trust Christ with the questions

The purpose of faith testing is not about knowing the answers, but developing a deeper trust in the Lord, even in the midst of difficult questions... for His glory and for our shaping!

**Faith in its truest sense  
is that you believe something so strongly  
that you trust it.**

Genuine faith is seen as **substantive** and **evidentiary** and has a reality to it. It is not just a philosophy.

The testings of faith that validate the substance...the evidence!

When we look at a persons life, you can see the evidence of faith, the substance of faith, see faith rendered present

1) The test of control - The \_\_\_\_\_ TEST

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Key question: \_\_\_\_\_

2) The test of \_\_\_\_\_ - The Confidence TEST!

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Key question: \_\_\_\_\_