

# GOD'S WAY WITH

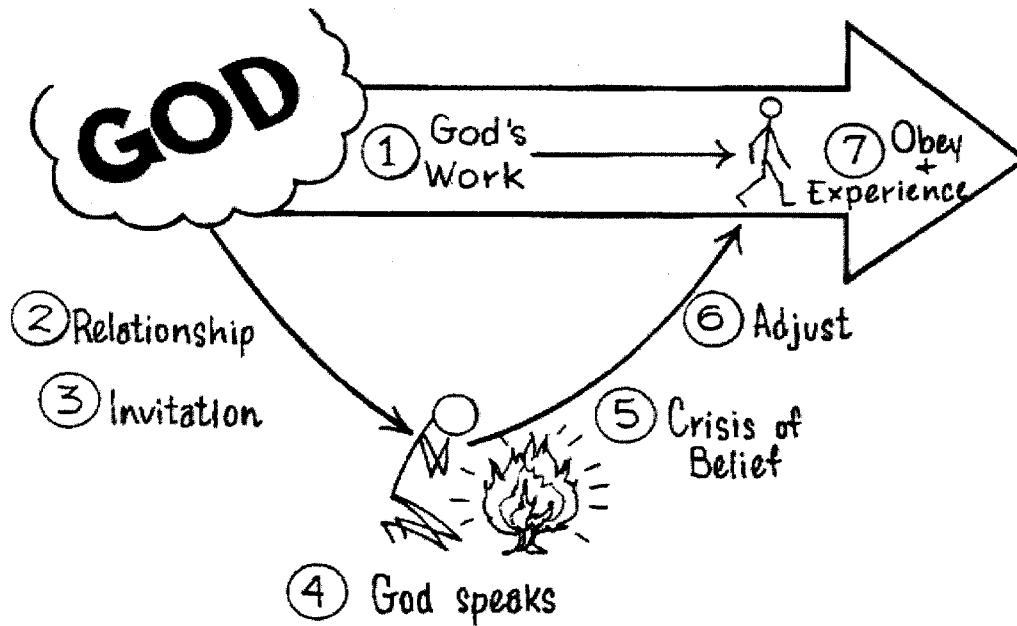


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# HIS SERVANTS

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## 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 lessons:

- 7 Principles of Experiencing God
- God speaks to us, revealing Himself, His purposes, and His plans
- God sometimes tests us to produce in us character, obedience, and holiness.
- God's tests confirm and strengthen...temptations corrupt and weaken.
- 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. In other words, what we do demonstrates or "validates" what we say we believe.

1) The Follow Me test (The test of CONTROL) WHERE?

2) The Test of Delayed Promise (The test of CONFIDENCE) WHEN?

### THE TESTING CONTINUES

3) An \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

The question for this test: \_\_\_\_\_?

Romans 4:20- and Ephesians 2:1

We must be believers who believe! Total trust in the "nothing is impossible" God,

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. St. Augustine

4) The test of a \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

The question for this test: \_\_\_\_\_? Genesis 22

There will be times in your life when obedience will not make sense. Are you prepared to obey God even in these cases? I confess there are many things in the Bible that I wish were not there—life would be easier. I could blend in better with our culture. But the real test of surrender isn't when I obey commands I like. If I say to my kids, "Eat your ice cream," that is not a good test of how well they obey me. The true test is when I ask them to do something difficult. If God is calling you to something difficult today, will you say, "Here I am?"

Will you obey? If God is calling you to let go of something today, will you?

The validity of your faith is that questions don't stop your trust.

Our trust is verified (AUTHENTICATED) by our actions of obedience.

*We want to speak to it  
(our impossible problem)  
and say "Move mountain"  
Sometimes He moves  
mountains differently...  
Sometimes you pray and  
you look down at your feet  
and you'll find a shovel...  
sometimes its about going  
through or climbing over*