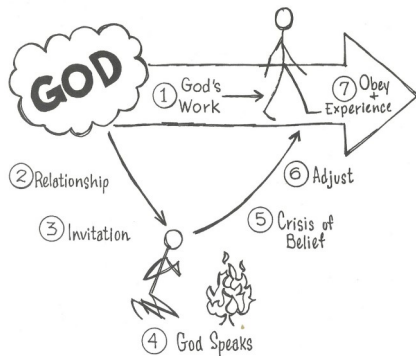


The 7 Realities of Experiencing God

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.



Reality 4: God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church (believers) to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.

- Theological Term 1: Revelation
 Hebrews 1:1-2 teach us an important truth: “God speaks!”
- Theological Term 2: Illumination—“God speaks by the Holy Spirit”
 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 teaches another important truth:
How God speaks – the Holy Spirit.
 Another important teaching of 1 Corinthians 2:9-13:
Why God speaks – “that we might know the things freely given to us of God”
The Ways God speaks: In the sermon series we will learn about the ways God speaks as the Bible reveals it.



Life Stories: Can you share a testimony of a time when you have experienced God’s confirmation of His truth to you?



Look at the picture that depicts the 7 Realities of Experiencing God. Why do you think “Reality 4 God Speaks” is pictured as a turning point?

Reality 5: God’s invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

A crisis of belief is a turning point where you must make a decision about what you truly believe about God.



Bible Study Project: Hebrews 11 is the Faith Hall of Fame. Answer the following questions from the Faith Hall of Fame.

1. What is impossible without faith in God? (v. 6)
2. List 2 of the people named who believed God and what God-sized things God in their lives.
3. What action did the hero of faith you selected take by faith?
4. Do you think it seemed impossible for them to do what God told them to do? Why or why not?

God speaks clearly, and when He does, we must believe Him. This is not a one-time event, but a repeated walk of faith in knowing and experiencing Him. Often times God speaks in ways that are counterintuitive to our ways. Yet, this is why faith is required.



Make a list of things you would like to see God do in His church and in your life that to you seem impossible. When God leads, this will lead the church and you personally to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action. When God speaks, let’s ask Him for the faith to respond.



Personal Homework: What is “impossible” to you? As God works with you to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways He leads you to a crisis of belief. These are very private matters of your personal growth and faith. This week, identify the questions of faith and doubt you have and take them to the Lord in prayer. Take 2 Corinthians 5:7 as your faith-building promise and principle.