

EXPERIENCING GOD

Looking to God

God-Centered Living

Part of the Book of Genesis is the record of God's accomplishing His purposes through Abraham. It is not the record of Abraham's walk with God. The focus of the Bible is God. The essence of sin is a shift from God-centeredness to self-centeredness. The essence of salvation is denying self instead of affirming self. We must deny ourselves and return to God-centeredness in our lives. Then God has us in a place where He will accomplish His eternal purposes through us.

A Self-Centered Life	A God-Centered Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is focused on self• Is proud of self and self's accomplishments• Is self-confident• Depends on self and abilities• Affirms self• Seeks to be acceptable to the world and its ways• Looks at circumstances from a human perspective• Chooses selfish and ordinary living	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Places confidence in God• Depends on God and His ability and provision• Focuses on God and His activity• Is humble before God• Denies self• Seeks first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness• Seeks God's perspective in every circumstance• Chooses holy and godly living

To know and do God's will, you must deny yourself and return to a God-centered life.

God's Purposes, Not Our Plans

To live a God-centered life, you must focus your life on God's purposes, not on your own plans. You must seek to view situations from God's perspective rather than your own. When God starts to do something in the world, He takes the initiative to reveal His will to people. For some divine reason, He has chosen to involve His people in accomplishing His purposes.

We do not sit down and dream what we want to do for God and then call God in to help us accomplish it. We submit ourselves to God then either wait for Him to show us what His is about to do or watch to see what God is already doing around us and join Him.

God's Plans Versus Our Plans

Who delivered the children of Israel from Egypt? Moses or God? God did. God chose to bring Moses into a relationship with Himself so that He - God - could deliver Israel. Did Moses ever try to take matters into his own hands? Yes.

Why do we not realize that it is always best to do things God's way? We cause some of the wreck and ruin in our churches because we have a plan. We implement the plan and accomplish only what we can do. We ask God to bless our plans, and then we promise to give Him the glory when He does. Yet God is not glorified by making our plans succeed. He receives glory when His will is done in His way.

You Need to Know What God Is About to Do

Understanding what God is about to do where I am is more important than telling God what I want to do for Him.

If you know what God has on His agenda, you can adjust your life to God so He can move you into the mainstream of His activity. God will probably never give you a detailed schedule but He will let you know one step at a time how you need to respond to what He is doing.

You always need to seek God's perspective. God know you CAN'T do it! He want to do it Himself through you.