



INTRODUCTION

EXPERIENCING

GOD

**GOD'S WILL AND
YOUR LIFE**

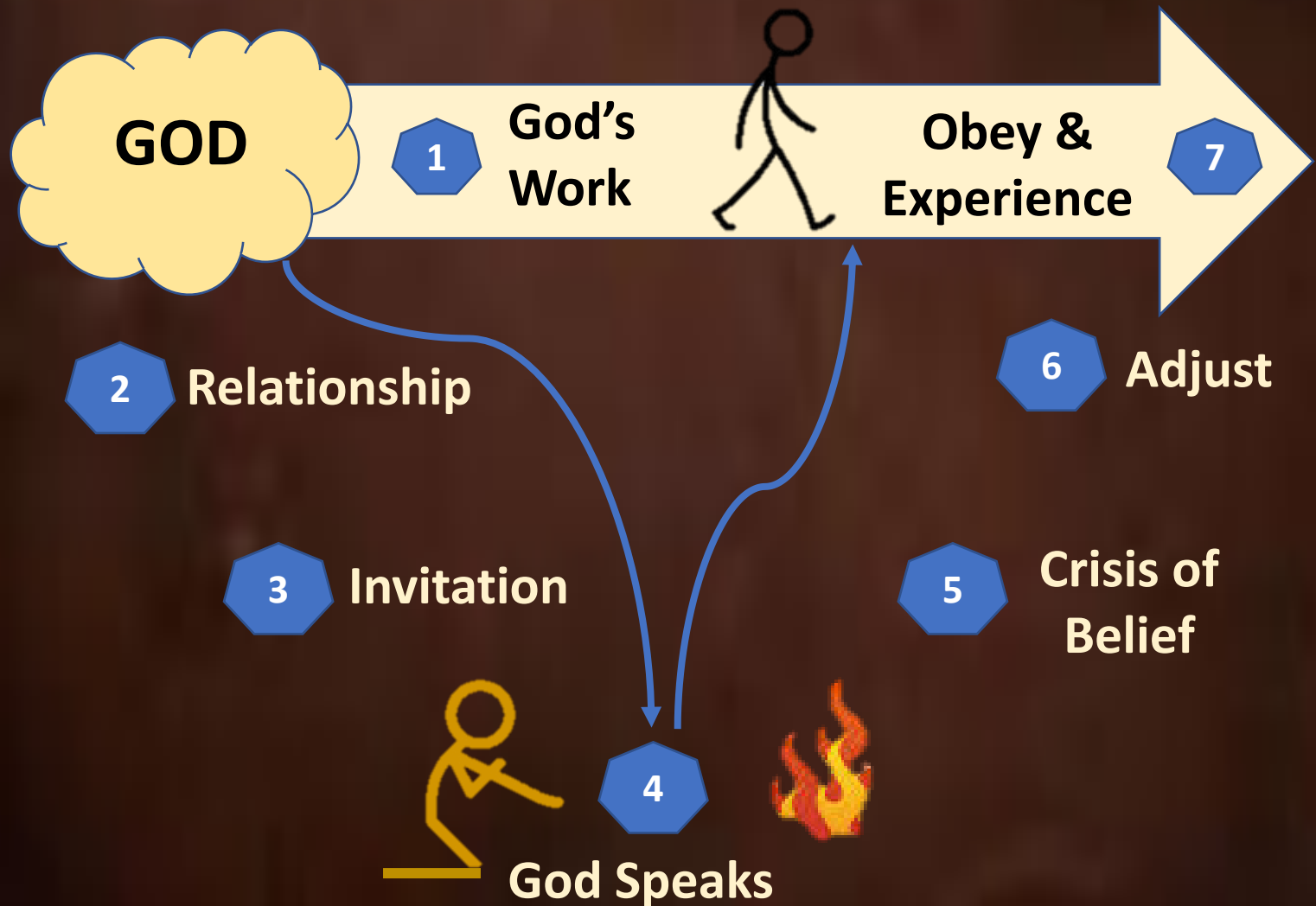
Session 1

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S INITIATIVES

*We will come to learn the details of
7 Realities of Experiencing God*





REVIEW FROM THE VIDEO

- ❑ *The Bible is God centered and every time we open the Scriptures we are face to face with the Author.*
- ❑ *Knowing God has the idea of head knowledge and God is not after that*
- ❑ *The Hebrew mindset is about experiencing and so we can't know God without experiencing Him*
- ❑ *When we get our lives God oriented, we find that God has an agenda we know nothing about*
- ❑ *The pattern for knowing God is being conformed to the image of Jesus*



REVIEW FROM THE VIDEO

- ❑ *The calling of God is made evident in the place where we are currently serving; and then God reassigns us.*
- ❑ *God is always at work and He's working around you (John 5:17, 19-20)*
- ❑ *Since God is already at work, we should purpose to join God in His work*
 - *The servant does not set the agenda*
- ❑ *A common question is: Lord what do you want me to do for you- rather God's purpose is to do something through us.*

UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

To "experience" something is to undergo a particular instance of personal **ENCOUNTER** with a thing.

Whenever one experiences religion, they undergo a spiritual **CONVERSION** by which they gain or regain **FAITH** in God.

Experience implies being **AFFECTED** by what one meets with: e.g., to experience a change of **HEART**.

There are two keys for knowing God's will for a given situation:





UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

(1) Make sure what you are asking for or considering doing is not something the Bible **FORBIDS**.

(2) Make sure what you are asking for or are considering doing will **GLORIFY** God and help you grow **SPIRITUALLY**.

If these two things are true and God still is not giving you what you are asking - then it is likely what you are asking for is not God's WILL for you.

Then you will be able to **TEST** and **APPROVE** what is God's good, pleasing and perfect will."



UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your **MIND**.

Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult. People basically want God to tell them **WHAT** to do - **WHERE** to work, where to **LIVE**, and who to **MARRY**.

Since God rarely gives people that **DIRECT** and specific information, He allows us to make **CHOICES** regarding those things.



UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

And He expects us to make those decisions in accordance with His **HEART** (I Sam. 13:14) as we come to experience and **KNOW** Him.

With Saul acting outside the **BOUNDARIES** of God's purpose for his life, God declares He **STRIVING AFTER** (sought) someone He can be in **AGREEMENT** with because the man seeks His will.

The only decision God does not want us to make is the decision to **SIN** or **RESIST** His will.

UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

If we are **WALKING** closely with the Lord and truly desiring His will for our lives - God will place His desires on your heart.

The key is **WANTING** God's will, not our own.

The Psalmist says in Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

The verse commands that the one who is forbidden to **FRET** is also commanded to **TRUST** God and turn his holy **DESIRE** to delighting in God.



UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

The strength of the holy relationship becomes evident by the **COMMITMENT** in the following verse.

So performing without explicit direction becomes easier over time as we learn from our **INTIMATE** walk with Him in His way.

If the Bible does not speak **AGAINST** our desires, and they can genuinely **BENEFIT** us spiritually - then the Bible gives you the "**PERMISSION**" to make decisions and to follow our hearts.





UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

1. *Based on scripture, what do you believe concerning those who are servants of God*
2. *Have you ever been given an effort to serve God and was overcome with frustration and doubt? What happened?*
3. *What are the limitations placed on those who are servants? What are the liberties of those who are servants?*
4. *How does the quantity and quality of service fit within the work of a servant?*