

EXPERIENCING GOD

Relationship

Reality 2

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2. Indicated by my _____.

(Psalm 37:4; Matthew 6:24; John 14:21;
2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 John 2:15)

Outline

A. Introduction

(Exodus 3:1-6; Mark 12:30)

► Reality 2: God pursues a continuing _____
relationship with me that is real and _____.

*“And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul,
all your mind, and all your strength.”* Mark 12:30 (NLT)

3. Intimate and _____.

(Exodus 3:5-6; 33; Matthew 6:31-33; Romans 8:35-39)

B. A love relationship with God is...

1. Initiated by _____.

(Exodus 3:4; John 6:63-65; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10)

Answers: A. love, personal B1. Him 2. devotion 3. practical

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

To grow further in your experience with God, we encourage you to use the companion workbook *Seven Realities for Experiencing God*, available in the Brookwood Bookstore. To connect and grow with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

The following guide is available if you don't have access to the workbook.

Conversation Starter

What's something you're really curious about?

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes in silence. Ask God to reveal ways He has shown His love to you. Ask Him to help you experience His love even more.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Deuteronomy 32:9-11](#); [1 John 3:1-2](#).

1. What is (or was) your relationship with your earthly father like? What impact has that had on relating to God as Father?
2. When do you have the hardest time accepting the fact that God loves you? Why can it be hard to feel loved by God?
3. Scripture teaches that God is all-powerful and all-knowing – He is the Creator of everything! Yet Scripture also teaches that God knows us personally, intimately – He relates to us in the details of everyday life. Which of these two aspects of God (His *bigness* and His *nearness*) do you tend to think about and appreciate more? Why? Why are both important?
4. How important is it to live with curiosity and expectation as a follower of Christ? Why?
5. What practical steps could you take to grow in experiencing God as a loving Father?

Read [Jeremiah 31:1-3](#); [1 John 4:13-19](#).

6. In what areas of your life have you been experiencing God's love?
7. Why is experiencing God's love so important?

Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#).

8. Which of these characteristics of love have you experienced from God?
9. When it comes to loving others, which of these characteristics are more difficult for you?
10. What's the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?

A love relationship with God is more important than any other single factor in your life.

Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

Soul Training

Read the following verses about God's love. Remind yourself several times this week of God's love for you. [Psalm 17:7-8](#); [John 15:19](#); [Colossians 3:12](#).

Memory Verse

"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." [Mark 12:30 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Romans 8:35-39](#)

Day 4: [John 15:9-17](#)

Day 2: [1 John 4:4-9](#)

Day 5: [Isaiah 32:1-3](#)

Day 3: [Matthew 6:19-34](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, October 6, we'll continue the series *Experiencing God* by considering various ways God invites us to become involved with Him in His work. To prepare read [Exodus 3:7-10](#).



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