

EXPERIENCING GOD
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“Experiencing God” is built around seven Biblical realities designed to help us know God and how He works.

First--God is always at work around you.

Second—God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

Third—God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

Fourth—God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the Church to reveal Himself, His purpose, and His ways.

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

Sixth—You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.

Seventh—You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

I. JESUS IS THE PATTERN FOR SEEING GOD WORKING ALL AROUND US.

A. The key verse for this is what Jesus said in John 5:17-20.

John 5:17-20

17.....Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” 18.....the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.....

B. Let’s notice the steps Jesus outlined in this passage for knowing where God is working.

1. First, Jesus says, “**My Father is always at His work to this very day**”
2. Second, Jesus says, “**And I too am working**”
3. Third, Jesus says, “**I do nothing on my own initiative.**”
4. Fourth, Jesus says, “**I watch to see what the Father is doing.**”
5. Fifth, Jesus says, “**I do what I see my Father doing**”.
6. Sixth, Jesus says, “**The Father loves me.**”
7. Seventh, Jesus says, “**His Father shows him everything He is going and Jesus joins Him.**

- C. Jesus' pattern for knowing and doing God's will can work for us too. How?
 - 1. First, we must acknowledge that God is working all around us.
 - 2. Second, we must realize that God wants to work through us.
 - 3. Third, we need to work on our love relationship with God in order to see Him working.

II. **HOW CAN WE SEE WHERE GOD IS WORKING?**

- A. It starts with asking the right question.
- B. Next, to see where God is working we must be willing to wait.
- C. Seeing where God is working involves improving our love relationship with God.
- D. Finally seeing where God is working requires a servant's attitude—Phil 2:5-8; Matt. 20:27-28.