

POSITIONING OURSELVES TO ENCOUNTER GOD

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INTRODUCTION:

Throughout history, people have experienced supernatural encounters with God that transformed their lives and ignited in them a new passion to live for God. Isaiah saw the Lord, and the revelation of His holiness changed his life forever. Moses encountered God at a burning bush where he received an assignment that altered the course of two nations. Paul's encounter with Jesus totally transformed his life. We can't make God give us a special encounter, but we can position ourselves to have one if we so desire.

ISAIAH - ISAIAH 6

1. Clarity – God reveals Himself and His plan. **V1-4**
2. Conviction – He was aware of things to deal with. **V5**
3. Cleansing – From sin, attitudes, inadequacies. **V6-7**
4. Commission – Authorized and equipped to go. **V8**

MOSES – EXODUS 3

1. Clarity – God reveals Himself, and His plan. **V1-10**
2. Conviction – Inadequacy **V11, EXODUS 4:10**
3. Cleansing – The mouth. **EXODUS 4:11-12**
4. Commission – “Go” **EXODUS 4:12**

PAUL – ACTS 9

1. Clarity – Jesus reveals Himself and His plan. **V3-5**
2. Conviction – For persecuting Christ. **V6**
3. Cleansing – Saved, healed and baptized. **V17-18**
4. Commission – He preached Christ. **V20-22**

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1. Surrender our will to God. **MATTHEW 26:39**
2. Ask God what needs addressed. **PSALMS 139:23-24**
3. Express a sincere desire. **JEREMIAH 29:13**
4. Listen. **PSALMS 46:10**
5. Stand against doubtful thoughts. **2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**
6. Believe in the promises of God's presence. **PSALMS 22:3**
7. Minister to the Lord regularly. **ISAIAH 40:31**

CONCLUSION:

It's our responsibility to position ourselves to have a fresh encounter with God, be it individually or collectively. As we follow these steps, clarity, conviction, cleansing and commission can be achieved in our lives.