

# DAILY ENCOUNTER GUIDE

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." - James 4:8*

We become who God created us to be through daily encounters with Him, daily welcoming the Holy Spirit into our lives, speaking to the Lord in prayer, and by loving His Word through which He responds and guides us.

## 1. Worship & Invite the Holy Spirit

*Enter his gates with Thanksgiving...* Start by worshiping along to your favorite worship song(s). Invite the Holy Spirit into your encounter time, because the Holy Spirit is the one God uses to reveal His Word and speak to us. Pray in your heavenly language to "charge your spiritual batteries" and edify your spirit-man. If you haven't received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, this is something that the Lord desires for you to walk in. Ask Him today! You can also go to our website for more information on this topic.

## 2. Read the Word.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word of God to you and give understanding.

Choose one of our daily reading plans.

### 15 Minute Daily Reading Plan:

1 Psalm | 1 chapter Proverbs | 1 chapter Gospel

### 30 Minute Daily Reading Plan:

1 Psalm | 1 chapter Proverbs | 1 chapter Gospel | 1 chapter Old Testament | 1 chapter New Testament | 1 chapter Revelation

## 3. Spend time in prayer according to the Lord's Prayer.

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us the model for how to pray and approach the throne of God. Use this as a model for praying in your daily encounters. *Matthew 6:9-13*

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."*

Begin prayer with words of worship. Declare who He is and approach Him like a loving Father.

*"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."*

Pray for His perfect will in your life. Declare that it's "not my will but yours!"

*"Give us this day, our daily bread..."*

This is the time for you to lay your needs before Him, and trust that He will provide.

*"Forgive us our trespasses..."*

Repent. We should make a habit of being quick to repent. Stop here, and lay down any sins before the Father, asking for forgiveness.

*"As we forgive those who trespassed against us..."*

List by name anyone that you need to forgive. Ask God for help!

*"And lead us not into temptation..."*

Accept God's grace given to you through Jesus to overcome sin in your life!

*"But deliver us from evil..."*

Take up your spiritual authority and declare that no spirit but the Holy Spirit is welcome in your life! Bind Satan and his emissaries from hindering you and your family. Plead the blood of Jesus over your family!

## 4. Go through your personal prayer list.

Begin praying for:

- Your family
- Your friends & specific people that you feel led to pray for
- Your work
- Your city & nation
- Your church & spiritual leaders
- Yourself
- + add your own

## 5. Make room for God to speak to you.

*"Speak Lord, your servant is listening."*

## 6. Ask Him to teach you His ways.

Reflect on what He says and obey Him. This is how we steward His word.

## 7. Pray the prayer of discipleship.

Father, I love You. You are Holy, and I am beloved by You. Thank You for loving me. Thank You for giving me the Word, and for answering my prayers. I give You permission to search my heart. Show me anything in my life that isn't pleasing to You, and help me to give those things to You so that I can grow closer to You. Give me spiritual knowledge so that I can learn Your ways and walk in them. Help me to be who You created me to be. Help me to do what You created me to do. Help me to say what You created me to say. Help me to love what You created me to love. I choose to obey You today, Lord. I love You with all of my heart. I pray that today, I can encounter You deeper than ever before. Amen.