

# Encountering Immanuel

How do you connect (have a greater connection) with the One who is always with you?

\_\_\_\_\_ is Key

John 4

- Jesus changed her focus from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, declaring that “God is Spirit”
- \_\_\_\_\_ – pneuma – in this context it’s the breath of life
- \_\_\_\_\_ – aletheia – truth, reality or realm, actuality, the here and now = where God \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus is saying to worship the Lord, we must go to where He is - He exists in the spirit \_\_\_\_\_

**POINT:** Just as the Samaritan woman was confused about the location to worship the Lord, so are many in the Body.

God is Spirit. We are spirit. The proper \_\_\_\_\_ to worship God is in the \_\_\_\_\_ Realm. We connect with Him in this Realm to tangibly experience Him.

\_\_\_\_\_ Near

James 4:8 – Come near to God and He will come near to you. \_\_\_\_\_ Him, move forward.

- James describes how we are to separate ourselves from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, humbling ourselves, cleansing our heart and by fixing our thoughts on Him.
  - How do we connect with the One who is always with us?
  - We begin by \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to receive from Him, to encounter and experience Him in a fuller way.
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ comes into agreement with Him.
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ becomes filled with the nature of God as it fulfills its function as the temple of the Holy Spirit
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ encounters the manifested presence of our Father as we draw near.
- Why does James add, *be miserable, mourn and weep*?
  - Mourning produces a \_\_\_\_\_ / humility necessary for a person’s heart to receive what God wants to reveal.
  - The act of mourning causes a \_\_\_\_\_ of one’s being from everything clinging to it.
  - The cares of the world, sorrow, disappointment and pain in our heart can actually hold us back from receiving from Father God and keep us locked into the \_\_\_\_\_ realm.

**POINT:** The person whose soul is locked onto the natural realm will \_\_\_\_\_ redirecting their attention - Mourning redirects the soul and allows it to break \_\_\_\_\_.

**Graham Cooks says: It’s impossible to have a situation where God is not present. Seeking Him simply means that every circumstance is another opportunity for you and Jesus to have a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- You make the first action in any situation to look for the presence of Jesus and stand where He’s standing. You’re looking to connect in the \_\_\_\_\_ realm for His presence. You’re looking for the reality of God. Because Christ is in you, He’s in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- As you \_\_\_\_\_ near in that particular circumstance, you will \_\_\_\_\_ Him in the way that He wants to be found.
- Best question: *What is it that God wants to be for me now that He can't be at other times?*

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 –

- God has done everything to \_\_\_\_\_ and reconcile you. You have been restored to His \_\_\_\_\_! You are a new creation.
- Because Jesus lives on the inside of you, you are an \_\_\_\_\_ of restoration and reconciliation.
- You need to enter into that \_\_\_\_\_ and come into the Father's house like the prodigal \_\_\_\_\_ who were searching and striving for love they already had.

Hebrews 11:6 - We are to take the initiative.

Two Doors –

- Revelation 3:20 – invitation to \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation 4:1 – door is \_\_\_\_\_ open. Nothing is closed on His end!
- We have a door in our own \_\_\_\_\_ and we must keep it \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with Him in spirit and truth!

1 John 3:1a – Come as lavishly \_\_\_\_\_ Sons and Daughters!

Jeremiah 29:11-14a – *"I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you, to give you a hope and a future..."* His plans / \_\_\_\_\_ toward us are always good!

**POINT:** He desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ and connected to us

**We Are Already** \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:1-3 – Paul wants us to put our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ / focus on things above with the intention to bring heaven into this realm.

- Ephesians 2:6 – *God raised us up with Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...*
- Hebrews 12:1-3 – In addition to thinking about Jesus, we are to fix our \_\_\_\_\_ on Him to see Him who is invisible

**POINT:** We are already \_\_\_\_\_. We live in two worlds at one time! We must take the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit realm!

Where do you meet with the Lord every morning?