

## Devotional Exercise for this week

Meditate on Israel's story this week in Exodus 19-20. Read it several times each day. Put yourself in the scene. Imagine the scene – feel it, see it, sense it. Ask God for insights each day as you read the text and meditate on it.

Each day seek God for more of Himself. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you. Surrender to Him. Come expectant, but surrendered – willing to allow God to determine how and when an encounter with Him occurs. Then quiet your soul, and listen for God to speak. Worship, confession, and surrender help. Jot down what you receive, test it later with Scripture (everything is tested by Scripture, if it is contrary to Scripture, it isn't from God) and with discerning believers (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21) God speaks through: (1) Our thoughts. Jot down what comes to mind as you listen, test it later. (2) Pictures – Acts 2 says in the last days God will speak thru dreams and visions, those are pictures from God. (3) An audible voice – sometimes people hear the audible voice of God. (4) Emotions – God can speak to us through our emotions, e.g., we may feel compassion for someone, and God may be calling us to pray for them, jot them a note, etc. (5) We may see a word in our mind's eye.

Here are some other spiritual exercises to help you encounter God this week:

- \* Ask God to meet you face to face this week. Seek God not just for what he can do for you, not just for his hands, but for his face – for who he is. Start with worship, and seek him for a face to face encounter.
- \* Ask God to reveal anything in you that is impure. Ask the purifying fire of God to come and burn it away. Don't excuse, blame, justify, rationalize, deny or defend. Just stay in the light of His purifying fire, and let him purify you. Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God."
- \* Ask God for any kingdom assignments he has for you. Ask, and then listen. Whatever priestly function God has for you to do, do it. Say 'yes' to God. He may want you to talk to a neighbor, invite a friend to church, pray with a fellow believer going through a hard time, write someone a note of appreciation and affirmation, speak a word of blessing over someone. Listen, and say yes to whatever kingdom assignment God gives.
- \* Take time to surrender and yield yourself completely to God each day. Yield your fears, your unbelief, your time, your talents, your possessions, your relationships, your reputation. Yield all you are, and all you have to God each day. No matter what, God, the answer is yes.