

EXPERIENCING GOD



How to Know & Do God's Will

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WEEK 1: KNOWING GOD BY EXPERIENCE & KNOWING GOD'S NATURE

Spiritual direction and purpose in life is found in a relationship with a person, not a program. Put another way, you can get to know about someone by study, but only get to know someone through an actual relationship.

If you want to learn how to know God and do His will, there is no better model than Jesus' life. During His approximately 33 years on earth, He perfectly completed every assignment the Father gave Him. He never failed to do the will of the Father. Would you like to understand how Jesus came to know and do His Father's will?

Read John 5:17-20 and answer the questions.

- Who is always at work? _____
- How much can the Son do by Himself? _____
- What does the Son do? _____
- Why does the Father show the Son what He is doing? _____

In these verses Jesus clearly states how He knew what to do. Jesus paid attention to see where His Father was at work and joined Him. Jesus' approach to knowing and doing His Father's will can be outlined like this:

- The Father has been working right up until now.
- Now the Father has Me working.
- I do nothing on My own initiative.
- I watch to see what the Father is doing.
- I do what I see the Father doing.
- The Father loves Me.
- He shows Me everything He is doing.

Read John 5:17-20 again, John 15:5 & John 14:26 and meditate on these questions.

- How did Jesus exercise his relationship with the Father?
How do we exercise our relationship with the Father thru Jesus?
How did Jesus Hear / See what the Father is doing in the Earth?
How do we Hear / See what the Father is doing in the Earth?

Post some of your answers online on the study page / online response form

