

New Series at Chiltern Church

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Life patterns to **encounter** God

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DESIGNED TO HAVE EXPERIENTIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Psalm 104:5, Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence (face)
continually!

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE ONLY REALLY MAKES SENSE THROUGH REGULAR ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD'S PRESENCE

Psalm 73

² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.

³ For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵ They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.

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Psalm 73

¹⁷ till I **entered the sanctuary*** of God;
then I understood their final destiny...

²¹ ...When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,

²² I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.

*sanctuaries

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Psalm 73

- ²³ Yet I am always **with you**;
you hold me by my right hand.
- ²⁴ You **guide me** with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

- **Know God is loving and experience His love**
Romans 5: 5 **hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**
- **Know God is good and experience His goodness**
Psalm 27:13 **I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**
- **Know God's peace and experience His peace**
Philippians 4:7 **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

CREATED, BORN TO CONNECT

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ **The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”**

(John 3: 5-8)

LUKE 10

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “**Love the Lord** your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **strength** and with all your **mind**”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

PRAYING FOR EXPERIENTIAL CONNECTION

Lord, help me to connect with You.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit afresh

**Help me to experience Your love
(emotionally)**

**Help me to feel Your presence (in my
body)**

**Help me to think Your thoughts (in my
mind)**

