




## Face to Face: Meeting with God

<b>Propositions</b>  ← the Vehicle	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God desires to MEET with you - Ex 25:22, Ja 4:8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus made a way! - Heb 10:19-20</li> <li>He promises that if we seek him... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>with our whole heart, we will find him - Deut 4:29</li> <li>diligently, he will reward us - Heb 11:6</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moses met with God face to face (he wants our time with him to be just as powerful!) - Ex 33:11</li> </ul> </li> <li>We MUST seek God's face - Ps 27:8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeking implies an attitude of prayerful communication - Ps 27:8-9</li> <li>God's face = God's word (an open Bible means God IS speaking) - 2 Cor 3:18; 4:6</li> </ul> </li> <li>We MUST sow to the Spirit - Gal 6:8, Mk 4:26-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Spirit teaches us - 1 Cor 2:9-16</li> <li>The Spirit helps us to pray - Rom 8:26</li> <li>The Spirit helps us mortify our flesh - Rom 8:13</li> </ul> </li> <li>We MUST purpose to receive God's love - Ps 143:8, 2 Th 3:5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spiritual growth is always capstoned by God's love - Rom 5:5, 2 Pet 1:5-7</li> <li>Spiritual maturity is marked by a deep understanding &amp; application of Christ's love - 1 Cor 13, Eph 3:14-21 NOTE: Love is not always lovey-dovey (let God correct you) - Pr 3:12; 13:24</li> </ul> </li> <li>We MUST purpose to get God's word in our hearts! - Ps 119:11, Col 3:15-16, John 15:7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship (praise &amp; obedience) is the natural byproduct of this - Jn 15:7-10, Col 3:16-17, Jer 20:9, Pr 6:20-23</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<b>Practices</b>  ← the Steering Wheel	<b>Principles</b>  ← the Lanes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray! Ask God to reveal himself to you! - Ps 27:9, Luk 11:9-10</li> <li>Have a plan! - Pr 16:9, Hab 2:2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If reading/studying: where?</li> <li>If praying: what for, specifically?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Be consistent! -2 Cor 4:16, Gal 6:9, Mk 4:26-27</li> <li>Be flexible! (See Principle #1) - Acts 16:6-8</li> <li>Biblically, days start the night before. Be intentional with your nightly routine! - Ps 1:2</li> <li>Sleep is good, but not great. It is a resource! (aim for 7-8 hours*) - Ps 127:2, Pr 20:4,13</li> <li>Remove distractions! - 1 Cor 7:35, Mk 4:18-19</li> <li>Don't be hurried! - Lk 10:38-42</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationship ≥ Routine &gt; Ritual - 2 Cor 3:6</li> <li>Receiving ≥ Reading - 1 Th 2:13</li> <li>Meditating ≥ Memorizing - Ps 119:11</li> <li>Tools &gt; Talismans - 1 Sam 4:3,10 def: an object that is believed to have magic powers and to cause good things to happen to the person who has it - Britannica <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BLB, TSK, etc. are not substitutes for the Holy Spirit teaching and bringing all things to remembrance! - Jn 14:26</li> </ul> </li> <li>Communing &gt; Commenting - Mat 6:5-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer should be loving dialogue, not rote monologue.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

\*No biblical basis, but studies show a correlation to health issues in those who regularly get less than 7 hours of sleep AND in those who regularly get more than 8 hours of sleep.

Greater Than OR Equal To (≥), Greater Than (>)

## Reflection

<u>Mark on the lines where you find yourself: Yes, No, somewhere in between?</u>	No	Yes
Do I believe God wants to meet with me?	_____	
Do I believe God IS speaking through his word?	_____	
Do I actively acknowledge the Holy Spirit's role in my interaction with God's word?	_____	
Do I purpose to know and receive God's love?	_____	
Do I purpose to get God's word in my HEART?	_____	
Do I consistently ask God to reveal himself to me in my quiet time?	_____	
Do I have a plan for my quiet time?	_____	
Am I consistent in my quiet time?	_____	
Am I flexible with my quiet time?	_____	
Am I intentional with my night and morning routine?	_____	
Am I stewarding my sleep well?	_____	
<u>In my devotional life, I tend toward...</u>		
Ritual		Routine
_____		_____
Routine		Relationship
_____		_____
Reading/Memorizing		Receiving/Meditating
_____		_____
Talismans		Tools
_____		_____
Commenting		Communing
_____		_____