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Holy SPirit and Encounters

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# Realms

Anytime the Holy Spirit shows up you’re a student. :) God can come in extreme ways, but it can be very offensive to the way we know it. He loves it when storms hit, will you do things in earthly realms that will be like the spiritual realm? He loves it when that happens. New ways of God often offensive.

# How will the house stand up?

New things is new outpourings of the Holy Spirit, we’re not sure how the house is going to stand up against what God is doing. A little bit of anxiety, He wants to install a little healthy dose of the fear of the Lord. Acts: people were afraid to join the company because of the power of God that was being displayed.

# Familiarity

This is a new thing, he has been here for 11 years and he is getting too used to this environment. Not complacent, sitting back but there is something of a familiarity with the different encounters and things God does. Used to be an incredible miracle. He is not offended anymore, noting provoking him inside, oh that is too different to what I have experienced.

If God is infinite then we haven't experienced everything yet, just a bit of what He is going to pour out! Only encountered a small part, what used to be overwhelming is now normal, appetite and diet now, tolerance built and there is a place for more now. There is room for more! God is not good with where you're at, He wants to give you more and do more.

# Extreme encounters

These will come and start to happen like a wave, for one person it happens and it continues on. Almost doesn't need to be the laying on of hands, something electric in the air, a thunderstorm of the Spirit, infused in the air. You can start receiving it now. Focus on God and allow Him to do whatever He wants to do and bring freedom in you!

# Dream

Secret about the Kingdom, walk outside of the building sit on the stairs. Kris Vallotton wants to know it as well, he sneaks outside and listens in. Bill says: Kris buy Ben a salad. Internal dialogue, speak without speaking. Kris' response was why not someone else to do that? Bill looks at Kris and says you're hired, I wasn't going to get Ben a salad. They don't talk to each other that way. One of the greatest scepters of the Kingdom is: you need to get outside of yourself. Sometimes you see people encountering God, you see someone laughing, crying and shaking and you know the Spirit of God is not on them and say it is not genuine and judge. You say it is hypocritical, I see that as faith. The Presence of God isn't there yet, but by them stepping into the operation of what is a manifestation of the Presence is. Worshipping isn't judged when God hasn't fallen on them yet. The man falls down and laughs no Presence, get outside of yourself! All of a sudden the Presence of God falls on him in an incredible way. 3 vowels; I, O and U. Get outside of yourself. I owe you, I owe God everything. I began to shout and yell that. It begins to vibrate and resonate inside of him. Not declaring with his mouth, but coming outside of his spirit. Began to be so loud and violent that he fell to the ground, fall on their face before God and shake. He flips over on his back and is shaking and begins to levitate above the ground. He wakes up at that moment, shaking on his bed. He was on a missions trip in Dubai, shaking violently under the power and Presence of God that was residual. He wasn't floating but still shaking. 30-45 minutes it lasted. He was asking God questions. Bill Johnson wasn't Bill, but God the Father. Sometimes our spiritual father will show up in a dream like God. Kris Vallotton who was he? Wouldn't be treated by God, it was his gift in the prophetic, not talking to his gift, but talking to him! God wants to encounter you, not because of your gift, but because of your DNA. Stop judging things and be open to God to touch you! Sometimes he feels the Holy Spirit, and he rushes because he has other things on his agenda. We create obstacles for God because we aren't able to get outside of ourselves.

# Personal encounters

Personal encounters with God are personal encounters with God, sometimes the world has no clue how to understand those kinds of encounters.

"Offence is an invitation to receive more of God." All offense does in my life is showing a need or a lack of something.

Miraculous power will be poured out, the only way to carry it is to be exposed to it. We can’t run away from it, we need to be there. Can almost hear and experience the sound of Heaven, the angels singing together, so close to God.

# Burning with fire, setting others on fire too

David Hogan, raised 100’s of people from the dead, seeing whole limbs grow back again. He was grabbed, a couple of thoughts; crap everyone is going to see this, do I really want to go there? He had that conversation. He grabbed the pulpit and he remembered the revivalist: I am going to light myself on fire and hopefully catch everyone else on fire. We’re in a new season. You light yourself on fire so everybody is set on fire! He felt as if exploding, his eyelids were popping inside out. Veins in his head red and purple. The Power of God hit and people got so hungry in the room, he saw and felt it and people began to rush the stage, they were hungry for that same fire. It got crazy to where they're tackling him. Not because they want more of Ben Armstrong but because they want more of God! Partnering with Him!

Bill doesn't want to touch it when the Presence is there, suddenly he felt like this is my time to exit. It is not about me. He hid himself under there while everyone burned. We need encounters and moments like that! That kind of hunger!

# Beni Johnson

New mystics, we all want that. The power of God hits her and the power hit him that he launched back he didn't do anything or was pursuing, but the power pursued and he fell back. It was incredible, couldn't remember anything. All he saw was black and the warmth of God. When we encounter Him you see Him face to face. You need encounters where God shows up in incredible ways!

Encounters with God happen in your dreams! Matthew 1. God never differentiates that an angel shows up or not just because it is in a dream. He met the angel in a dream! Angel of the north American revival, flashes of different colors, saw him flying to north America releasing the power and fire of God. We need encounters! We need to be touched by God!

# His son

Not sure whether it is God or the devil because it is so powerful, thrashing so hard on the ground. The power of God so intense on him because he is screaming and launching from the ground. They're catching his head. Tears forced out of his eyes, they're all concerned. What is this? He said: Son do you feel peace, AAAAAH, and nodding. Son is this God: AAAAAAH and nodding yes. Convulsions and it is crazy and scary, his son all of a sudden going crazy. God strengthen his mortal body to withstand everything you have for him. He has this encounter for 3 hours. Protect him to encounter something that is way more powerful than his body can handle, hands turn in on himself. His spirit went so far away from his body he was no longer mentally there, tug at his face. It was as if he turned mentally retarded. Sitting there: I have prayed for this my whole life, but now that he is there I am afraid. Do I want him to stay here or is this too much? God, I give my son to you even if he never comes back. Bill shares that one story, one thing to have it yourself, another thing to have it happening to your son. Getting and grabbing this, being released in this. Possession looks the same; whether it is God or the devil, hard to tell them apart, except for the fruit! In Jesus name amen, he pops out of it and is back. Did I fly here? I think I flew here. It was crazy! I was scared by that encounter! The fear of the Lord!

2 weeks later he said: I will give up pizza for a whole week to have an encounter like that again! God wants to touch you in incredible ways!

Sometimes when your dad shows up in a dream it is your Heavenly Father. Out of the book of all must prophesy. When the Presence and power of God hits our bodies respond in different ways.

# Frustrating because of wanting an encounter

Swiss man wanting an encounter, couldn't get it. This guy was so hungry for You God, I can’t do anything! Give him a $100 because he doesn't need it. All of a sudden he hears a sound, the sound of bacon cooking, his shaved head starts changing colors, red, blue and veins start popping. Home alone with the spider on his face, screaming like a little girl. That scream came out of him, even higher pitched and freaky like that. The guy is flopping like a wild whale in his office, kicking over bookshelves, lights breaking and screaming nonstop. Now he is thinking this guy will break my office. This type of encounter doesn't stop here, it goes on for the whole day.

These encounters give wisdom we can’t understand, the moment we trust Him and let Him show up He rewires our brain. When we surrender our desire to know everything we let Him do things. Serving the anointing, not being him but receiving what he has. Receiving the power of God. We need encounters like that, where God shows up, look foolish in front of people.

Open heavens conference is not just a name, but there is an actual open heaven that appears. God will show up and I will be a part of it!

I see the lightning of God! Micha 4: I am releasing my lightnings back into the church! We need encounters with God. Encounters with Him! People ask us what was that? I have no idea, but I know it was God! Prove it, through the fruit in my life! It will produce something incredible in my life!

We need that!