

REVIEW

In preparation for today's session, read through Isaiah chapter 6. As you read, record your observations of Isaiah's encounter with God.

REFLECT

What is the first characteristic we see in the men of the Bible who God used to accomplish great things?

What are the three parts that encompass these encounters with God, as discussed from Henry Blackaby's study?

List the three-fold manner that the encounters from God work.

If you've experienced an encounter with God, how has it changed your life? How has it changed your relationship and service to God?

How do you recognized the voice of the Lord? How do you respond to Him?

"Every time we open the word of God, God is speaking."

Do you spend enough time in the word of God to be able to hear His voice? Take some time to reflect on this relationship below.

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After reflecting on your answers from today's session, spend some time journaling your prayers to God below. Are you able to hear God's voice and recognize the encounters you may have had with God?

REVIEW

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.” (Corrie Ten Boom). In preparation for today’s session ask yourself: are you walking by faith or are you walking by sight?

REFLECT

Reflect on the definitions and examples of faith that Pastor Carter shared. What is faith? How does your faith impact your walk with God?

What are some examples of walking by faith that you have either demonstrated or seen demonstrated throughout your walk with God?

Read Hebrews 11:1

How is your faith the ground or basis of your life?

Read Hebrews 11:6 Why is having faith so important?

The four major things that “He is” which are the basis of walking by faith:

He is the _____

He is all _____

He is 100% _____

He is a _____ of those that diligently seek Him.

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What could God do in your life if you walked by faith and not by sight? Take some time to reflect on your faith life and your walk with God. Are you walking by faith and not by sight? Use the space below to reflect and pray.

REVIEW

Henry Blackaby shares that “Everything in your Christian life, everything about knowing Him, experiencing Him, everything about knowing His will depends on the quality of your love and relationship with God.” In preparation for today’s session, reflect on your relationship with God. Are you loving and prioritizing Him?

REFLECT

The book of Hebrews, chapter 11: 24-27, describes Moses as a picture of a person of faith. How did Moses demonstrate faith? How is Moses’ demonstration similar to or different from the faith you exhibit in your daily life?

Below are the three categories of things that we must learn to prioritize God in front of. In the space provided, reflect on the scriptures as well as how you could prioritize God over these things.

1. The pursuit of “stuff” (Matthew 6:25-26; 31-32.)
2. Family (Luke 14:25-26)
3. Self of Self Life (Luke 14:26)

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Spend some time in reflection and prayer. Are you prioritizing God in your life? Do you love God enough to put Him above all else?

REVIEW

The heroes of faith had many things in common; among those things was that they each obeyed God faithfully. Are you loving and obeying God as the Bible calls you to? Why is obedience so important in our walk with Christ?

REFLECT

Obedience is an indicator of whether we _____ Jesus or not.
(Read 1 John 2:3)

Obedience is an indicator of our _____ for God. (Read 1 John 5:3)

Obedience plays a major part in receiving _____.
(Read 1 John 3:18-22)

Obedience is an indicator of _____ with Him. (John 15:14)

Obedience is better than _____. (Read 1 Samuel 15:22)

Fearing God and keeping His commands is the _____ of man. (Read Ecclesiastes 12:13)

In keeping God's word, there is great _____. (Read Psalm 19:9-11)

Use the space to reflect on the idea that the success in your Christian life/walk is measured by your obedience. Do you feel like you have great success in your Christian walk?

"If you will do God's general will, He will let you know what His specific will is." What does Pastor Carter mean by God's general will? Are you following God's general will, or just seeking His specific will?

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Reflect on today's session. Do you love God enough to keep His commandments? Are you experiencing a struggle with identifying what God's specific will is in your life? Or maybe you just need to improve your obedience to God. Use the space provided to jot down your thoughts or prayer.

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A major way we can identify if we love God is found in how we love others. Are you loving others as Christ has called you to? Is that love evident to those around you?

REFLECT

Do I love other Christians?

Take a look at the following scriptures. What do these scriptures tell you about loving others? (1 John 5:1, 1 John 2: 9-11, 1 John 4:11-12, John 4:20-21, John 13:34, John 15:12)

What does it practically look like to love other Christians as Christ commands you to do? How could you improve?

Do I love my neighbor?

Take a look at Luke chapter 10. Who does Jesus identify as your neighbor?

Are you loving your neighbors or are you loving only people in your close circle?

Do I love my enemies?

Take a look at Matthew 5: 43-48. What does this tell you about loving your enemies? Is this an area that you struggle with? Why or why not?

How can I love others the way God wants me to?

What type of love do we possess? Are we possessing what the world classifies as a normal love, or do we have a Godly love?

What is the difference between love, compassion, and charity? How are they similar/different?

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Are you loving others the way Jesus calls us to? Are you extending love, compassion, and charity to those who may offend you? Use the space provided to reflect. In what areas do you need to improve the way you love others, according to the Bible?

REVIEW

Join Pastor Carter as he challenges you to reflect on the ways you fight your battles. Are you fighting them the way that God calls us to?

REFLECT

Spiritual Battles require spiritual resources. How are you fighting your battles? Are you fighting your battles as described in Zec 4:6 and Ephesians 6:10-18?

When Ephesians references the armor of God, it really encompasses three parts: faith, the word of God, and prayer.

The importance of the Word

Take a second to reflect on the following quote: "People don't act like Jesus, because they don't think like Jesus." What does this quote mean? Are you thinking and acting like Jesus?

In John 17:17, what does the Bible call the word of God? Why is this so important, especially when fighting spiritual battles?

Prayer

Take a second to reflect on the following quote: "Prayer is God's plan to supply man's great and continuous need with God's great and continuous abundance. -E.M. Bounds. How does this apply to your life and spiritual walk?"

Pastor Carter shared that "no man is greater than his prayer life". How is your prayer life?

Do you have a prayer closet or a space that you can seclude yourself in order to get alone with God? (Matthew 6:6) If not, how could you secure a place that will lend itself to a closer prayer life with Christ?

RESET

Take a few minutes to reflect on today's session. Are you treating the Word of God as a priority? Are you spending enough time secluding yourself in prayer and communication with God? How are you fighting your spiritual battles? Use the space below to reflect on these questions as well as to reflect on ways to improve these areas in your walk with Christ.

REVIEW

Pastor Carter challenges you to count the costs for your faith. What will truly live for Jesus cost you personally? Is the cost of following Christ worth it to you?

REFLECT

Count the Cost of Serving Christ (Luke 14:27-33)

What are the 6 costs that Pastor Carter lists that we will have to pay for being a believer? Take a look at the following scriptures (Matthew 5:11, 2 Timothy 3:12, Luke 6:22, Matthew 24:9)

Have you faced any of these costs in your Christian walk?

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Thinking about “counting the costs” is the cost of following Christ worth it to you? Do the benefits far outweigh the struggles? Use the space below to reflect on this.

How do these costs impact your spiritual life and walk with Christ? Have these costs developed you as a follower of Christ?

REVIEW

"The God we serve does not seek out the perfect, but instead uses our imperfections and our shortcomings for His greater good. I am humbled by my own limitations. But where I am weak, He is strong." (-Rick Perry) As you move through this session with Pastor Carter, are you willing to identify and lay aside your shortcomings so that God can fill in the gaps with His grace to use you?

REFLECT

Take a look at Moses' story in Exodus 3 and 4. What kind of shortcomings did Moses face? What allowed Moses to be used of God?

What were Jeremiah's shortcomings? Gideon's? What about Isaiah and Paul's? How are these insecurities similar to or different from the shortcomings that you face in your service to God?

What shortcoming did the apostle Peter have that needed humbled? Is this a shortcoming that you also struggle with? Why or why not?

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What are some areas of shortcomings that you have that impact your service and surrender to God? Use this space to reflect and surrender those shortcomings for God's glory.

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British Evangelist Henry Varley said, “The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.” Dive deep with Pastor Carter as he challenges you to surrender yourself fully as so many heroes of the faith have. Are you willing to sign the blank piece of paper?

REFLECT

How do you define surrender? What would complete surrender look like in your life?

In what areas of your life have you made an unconditional surrender to God? Similarly, in what areas of life have you yet to surrender, but feel convicted to do so?

How would surrendnering to God would change your life?

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Are you willing to sign your blank piece of paper for God? Are you willing to surrender yourself unconditionally? Use the space provided to reflect and spend time in prayer regarding your willingness to surrender your future to God, no matter your plans.

SIGN AND SURRENDER

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REVIEW

Join Pastor Carter in his last session as he challenges you to Man Up and stand in the gap for your generation. Are you willing to accept the challenge?

REFLECT

“Sin makes a gap in the hedge of protection that is about a people at which good things run out from them and evil things pour in upon them, a gap by which God enters to destroy them. There is a way of standing in the gap, and making up the breach against the judgments of God, by repentance, and prayer, and reformation. Moses stood in the gap when he made intercession for Israel to turn away the wrath of God, Psalm 106:23.” – Mathew Henry

What stands out to you the most about this quote?

God seeks for a man to stand in the gap! What are the ways that you can stand in the gap, as Pastor Carter shares?

How did Moses stand in the gap in his day? Read Exodus 32: 1-14.

What happened in Ezekiel when there was no one to stand in the gap? Read Ezekiel 22:31.

RESET

Are you standing in the gap for your generation? Are you willing to Man Up and through service and full surrender to God? Use the space provided to reflect and spend some time in prayer.