

5. Seven realities of experiencing God

- God is always at work around you.
- God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
- God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
- God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
- God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
- You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
- You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing God's Will How Do I Discover and Do God's Will? Dr. Sam Crouch February 9, 2020

1. **Wrong** approach to take

Genesis 12:1-5 (NLT) – *“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.’ ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan.”*

2. **Wrong** question to ask

3. **Right** model to follow

John 5:17-20 (NIV) – *“Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working. . . .¹⁹ . . . I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.’”*

Jesus’ example:

- The Father is always at work.
- 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 already is doing.
- You see, the Father loves me, and shows Me everything that He, Himself, is doing.

4. **Right** approach to servanthood

Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT) – *“You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NLT) – *“The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said,² ‘Go down to the potter’s shop, and I will speak to you there.’³ So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel.⁴ But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.⁵ Then the LORD gave me this message:⁶ ‘O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.’”*

John 15:5b (NLT) – *“For apart from me you can do nothing.”*