

**Experiencing God:
Will I Believe When God Speaks?
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1. An encounter with God requires faith.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) – *“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.”*

Romans 4:20-21 (NLT) – *“Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) – *“We live by faith, not by sight.”*

Mark 10:27 (NLT) – *“Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.’”*

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) – *“And it is impossible to please God without faith.”*

2. An encounter with God is God-sized.

Matthew 14:15-16 (NLT) – *“This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves. ¹⁶ But Jesus said, ‘That isn’t necessary—you feed them.’”*

3. Our reaction to encountering God, reveals what we believe about God.

James 2:14, 26 (NLT) – *“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ²⁶ Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.”*

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT) – *“David replied to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!’”*

Genesis 16:2 (NLT) – *“So Sarai said to Abram, ‘The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.’”*