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The Response

"If you love me, keep my commands."

John 14:15

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me."

John 14:21

"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching."

John 14:23

"Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching."

John 14:24

A Framework for Experiencing God:

- 1) An encounter with God requires faith.
- 2) Encounters with God are God-sized.
- 3) What you do in response to God's invitation reveals what you believe about God.
- 4) Faith should be followed by action.

1) An encounter with God requires faith.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

- confidence (Greek "hupostasis") - a guarantee
- assurance (Greek "elenchos") - proof of certainty

2) Encounters with God are God-sized.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight - why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Exodus 3:1-4

"And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:9-10

"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."

John 5:17

3) What you do in response to God's invitation reveals what you actually believe about God.

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:11

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"

Exodus 4:1

Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

Exodus 4:10

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Exodus 4:13

"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:41

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...

Galatians 5:17

Excuses from "The Flesh"...

- **Surely you're not talking to me, Lord.**

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

- **What if I do what you say, and I fail?**

- **What if God asks me for more?**

I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:3

4) Faith should be followed by action.

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14