

Connect with God - Part IV

Building Depth



2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose **hearts are fully committed to Him** ...

James 4:8a

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you ...

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone **hears** My voice and **opens** the door,
I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek ME and find ME
when you **seek ME with all your heart.**

Revision

~ Steps to come into
the Presence of God ~

1. DECIDE to be an intentional true worshipper.

John 4:23 – 24

²³But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth; **for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.**

²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth.

2. With clean HANDS and a pure HEART.

Psalm 24:3 – 4

³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
or who may stand in His Holy Place?

⁴He who has **clean hands and a pure heart**,
who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
nor sworn deceitfully.

1 John 1:9

3. By the BLOOD OF THE LAMB and
through the Lord JESUS

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter
the Holiest by **the Blood of Jesus**

Hebrews 4:16

4. With freedom from the CARES and ANXIETIES of life.

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your care upon Him,
for He cares for you.

Matthew 11:28 - 30

5. With THANKSGIVING.

Psalm 50:14

Sacrifice thank offerings to God ...

Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving ...
give thanks to Him and praise His Name.

6. With PRAISE.

Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and
His courts with praise; give thanks to Him
and praise His Name.

7. With WORSHIP.

Psalm 100:1 – 3

¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Worship the LORD** with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.

³**Know that the LORD is God.**

It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Exercises to help us
build depth
in our relationship with God

Exercise 1

GIVE thanks to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:20

giving thanks always for all things to God
the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:18

in everything **give thanks**; for this is the Will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

Exercise I : Give thanks to the Lord

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God **thanksgiving**, and pay your vows
to the Most High.

Romans 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:1 - 5

Exercise 1 : Give thanks to the Lord

For 5 minutes, give thanks to the Lord
in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

Examples by Theme

PERSONAL LIFE

Remembering significant events
from birth through childhood
to teen age to young adult to now

Relationship
with
Children

Marriage

Salvation

Answered
Prayers

Provision

Favor

Journey
Mercies

Spiritual
Growth

Spiritual
Life

Protection

Relationship
with Siblings

Family

Work

Job

Finances

Relationship
with Spouse

Relationship
with God

Spiritual
Journey

Examples by Theme

KINGDOM LIFE

BBTC – Elders & Deacons, Pastoral Staff

Accountable Relationships

CO-CS-CGL-CGM

**His
Promises**

**Spiritual
Fellowship**

**The Word of God -
Milk - Bread - Meat**

**Prayer Partners -
Spiritual Covering**

His Word & Spirit

His Goodness & Favor

Examples by Theme

SINGAPORE

**Abundance of
Spiritual Feeding**

**The
Government**

**Freedom of
Worship**

**Land of
Plenty**

Ministers

Peace in the Land

Jobs

Health

Home

Work

Medicine

**Open
Heavens**

Doctors

Opportunities

Hygiene

Transportation

Healthcare

Examples by Theme

CREATION

**The birds
of the air**

**The animals of
the land**

**Mountains &
Rivers**

Streams & Deserts

The Fishes of the sea

Flowers & Plants

The Fruits of the Trees

The world

Beautiful Landscapes

Exercise II

Holy Communion

Holy Communion



The Broken Bread

The Cup of Wine

His Bodily Death

His Shed Blood

There are **several aspects** to
The Holy Communion

1. Giving Thanks.

1. Remembering the Lord Jesus -
His precious love for us, the purpose
of His Crucifixion and Suffering,
the implications and consequences
of His Bodily Death & Shed Blood, etc.

3. **Proclaiming** His Death i.e.

what His Bodily Death and Shed Blood accomplished / fulfilled for us who believe.

4. **Appropriating** by faith the full salvation.

This is to **DISCERN His Body** i.e. **know** and **receive** the purpose of His death for us.

For 5 minutes, do the 4 things :-

1. Give Thanks
2. Remember the Lord Jesus
3. Proclaim His Death
4. Appropriate by Faith His Manifold Grace

This is as you discern His Body !

[receive the purpose of His bodily death]

Partake the Bread -

Remember His Bodily Death

That He is the **“Bread of Life”** - John 6:35

That He is the **“Life-Giving Spirit”** - 1 Cor 15:45

That He came to give us
salvation, deliverance & healing

That He died for our salvation & forgiveness

That He died for our bodily healing & health

That it is finished & complete !

Partake the Cup of Wine -

Remember His Shed Blood

- a. We receive atonement of our sins
- b. We consequently receive forgiveness.
- c. We receive a measure of the life of God in the Blood.

Proclaiming the Lord's Death

Colossians 2:14 – 15

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hebrews 2:14 – 15

14 In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise Shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Discern His Body !

Appropriate His Grace
according to your need

The Lord Jesus' Blood was shed for us

1. In Gethsemane - To redeem our will.

2. He was whipped - by His Stripes for our healing

3. Crown of Thorns to redeem us from poverty.

The Lord Jesus' Blood was shed for us

4. His nailed hands to redeem our dominion on earth.
5. His nailed feet to redeem our walk - destiny.
6. His broken heart to heal the broken hearted.
7. His bruises to deliver and set us free.

**Let us now partake
the Lord's Supper**

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Exercise III

RENDER praise to God.

Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a **Sacrifice of Praise** – the fruit of lips that **confess His Name**.

We praise the Lord –

His Name and His Attributes in relation to :-

- (i) What He has **DONE** for us?
- (ii) What He has **GIVEN** to us?

PRAISE is a **Verb** – **Focus on Actions of God**

Exercise III : Render praise to God

For 3 minutes, render praise to the Lord
in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

The Redemptive Names of God

(1) J-Rohi

**Our Good Shepherd -
who laid down His Life for us -
who loves us very deeply;
the Faithful God; His Steadfast
Love; Compassionate & Grace;
Slow to anger & long suffering**

(2) J-Jireh

**Our Provider; Our Wisdom;
His many Great & Precious
Promises; His Favor, etc ...**

(3) J-Shalom

**Our Peace; the God of Peace;
the Peace of God**

(4) J-Tsidkenu

**Our Righteousness;
the Gift of Righteousness;
We are made the Righteousness
of God in Christ**

(5) J-Rapha

**Our Healer; Divine Healing;
Divine Health; Divine Life**

(6) J-Shammah

**The Presence of God; He never leaves us nor forsakes us;
He is with us in all circumstances & situations even in the valley of the shadow of death; Emmanuel;
He indwells us; He is with us;
Our Comforter; Our Counselor;
Our Teacher**

(7) J-Nissi

**Our Victory; Our Hiding Place;
Our Rock & Salvation; Our Shield
& Defender; Our Refuge &
Fortress; Our Deliverer;
The Lord Strong & Mighty;
The Lord Mighty in Battle**

Exercise IV

WORSHIP God

There are **several aspects** to
Worship

1. Ascribing worship to God - His Worth
2. Adoring the Lord
3. Intercession and Warfare
4. Spiritual Songs

1. Ascribe worship to God - His Worth

Worship has got to do with the **Holiness of God**

Leviticus 10:3

And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near ME, **I must be regarded as holy**; and before all the people I must be glorified.’”

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be **exalted** among the nations, I will be **exalted** in the earth!

1. Ascribe worship to God - His Worth

Worship has got to do with the **Holiness of God**

His Sovereignty

The Awesomeness of God

The Otherness of God

The Uniqueness of God

He is set apart

**He is
sanctified**

**All the Names & Attributes
of God that pertains to Him as the
Mighty & Powerful Creator**

Exercise IV : Worship God

1. Ascribe worship to God - His Worth

For 1 minute, **ascribe worship to the Lord.**

Express in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the **High and Lofty One**
who inhabits eternity, whose Name is Holy:

“I dwell in the High and Holy place,
with Him who has a Contrite and Humble Spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble,
and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

2. Adore the Lord.

This has to do with **expressing our love and admiration of the Lord.**

- o This is when we see **His Beauty.**
- o We are **enthralled, mesmerized.**
- o We are captivated when we **“see”** Him.

Exercise IV : Worship God

2. Adore the Lord.

For 1 minute, adore the Lord.

Express in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD,
that will I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in His temple.

**Our Loving
Father**

**The Righteous
Father**

**The Everlasting
God**

**His Perfect
Thoughts and
His Perfect
Ways**

**Our Father
God**

**The Lord God
Most High
El-Elyon**

Yahweh

**The Ancient
of Days**

The Eternal God

The Lord Jesus Christ

The Blessed The Lover
Rose of Sharon of our soul

The Coming King of kings
& Lord of lords

The same yesterday,
today & forever

Our Salvation, Wisdom,
Sanctification & Righteousness

His Works
are Perfect

The Mighty &
Powerful Creator

The Great I AMs

The Word
made flesh

Elohim

The Bright &
Morning Star

The Holy Spirit

The Spirit of Wisdom & Understanding

**The Spirit of Love,
Power & Sound Mind**

**The Spirit of
Counsel & Power**

The Spirit of Knowledge

The Spirit of

**The Spirit of the
Fear of the Lord**

**The Holy
Spirit**

**Grace &
Supplication**

The Holy Spirit

**The Spirit of
the Father**

**Counselor, Comforter,
Teacher & Guide**

The Fire & the Wind

The Spirit of Truth

The Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation

The Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ

Exercise IV : Worship God

3. Intercession and Warfare

For 1 minute, be still and sense what the Lord may lay on your heart to pray - **intercede** and just do it.

Psalm 25:14

The LORD **confides** in those who fear Him;
He makes His Covenant known to them.

Psalm 24:6 – 10

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up,
you everlasting doors! And the King of Glory
shall come in. ⁸Who is this King of Glory?

The LORD **strong and mighty**,
the LORD **mighty in battle**.

Psalm 149:6 - 7

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
and a two-edged sword in their hand,
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations,
and punishments on the peoples;

4. Spiritual Songs

- Spontaneous expressions of our spirit that are improvised in an unrehearsed, unpremeditated manner.
- Creative expressions to tell God what we think / feel about Him.
- Born out of faith and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The place of Spiritual / Spontaneous Songs in worship.

Ephesians 5:18 - 20

... be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another
in psalms and hymns and **spiritual songs**,
singing and making melody in your heart
to the Lord ...

The place of Spiritual / Spontaneous Songs in worship.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you

richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing
one another in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts
to the Lord.

**Let us now bring
our praise and worship
and our spiritual songs
to the Lord**

CONCLUSION

3 Keys Principles why we build depth :-

1. Worship always draws the Presence of God
- Psalm 22:3
2. When we confess His Word, it always brings
His Power
- Psalm 107:20; Hebrews 1:3

CONCLUSION

3 Keys Principles why we build depth :-

3. When we pray according to His Will and His Word, God will always Intervene and Work on our behalf
- Jeremiah 33:3