

A hand is shown in the foreground, pointing upwards towards a bright sun. The sun is positioned behind a body of water, creating a shimmering reflection. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a blue sky and a dark horizon line. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

EXPERIENCING
GOD

We share Christ as we **mature** in Him

We can only give of what we **have**

We serve from the **overflow** of our walk

We build a **vibrant** relationship with God



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2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**, 3 as **His divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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In life, hold everything loosely.

Except:

- The **Word of God** (*laws, principles, promises*)
- Our relationship with the **Holy Spirit** (*inward witness, guide*)

Hold on extremely tightly to these two things.

Be **empowered by the Word and
filled by the Spirit!**



Experiencing God = **Knowing God**

The **Word**

The **Holy Spirit**

must direct
our **connection with God (prayer)**

John 15:7 If you **abide in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, you will **ask** what you desire, and it shall be **done** for you.



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Psalm 138:2 I will **worship** toward Your holy temple,
and **praise Your name** for Your lovingkindness and
Your truth; for You have **magnified Your Word**
above all Your name.



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The **Word**

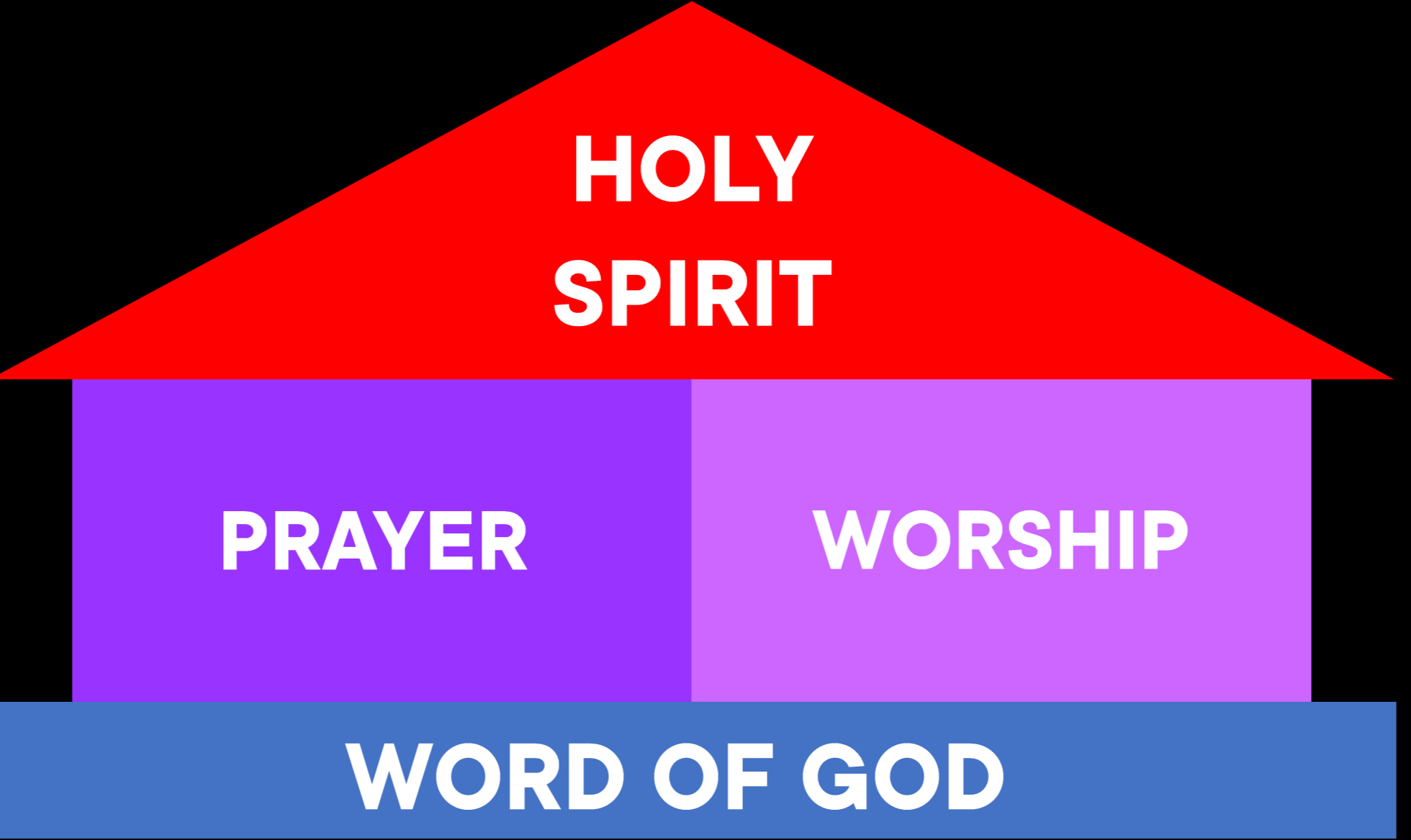
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Psalm 149:6 Let the **high praises of God be in their mouth**, and a **two-edged sword in their hand**.



Experiencing God





Experiencing God

The **Roadmap** of the sermon

I. **Word**

II. **Prayer**

III. **Altar** of Thanksgiving,
Praise and Worship

IV. **Holy Spirit**



I. **Word**

1. The **Word of God** is

- The **Sword of the Spirit**
(Ephesians 6:17)

- The **Double-edged Sword**
(Psalm 149:6; Hebrews 4:12;
Revelation 2:12)

I. **Word**

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2. Establish our **Word Foundation**

Romans 10:17 So then **faith** comes by hearing, and **hearing by the Word of God.**

Galatians 3:5, 5 (hearing of faith)



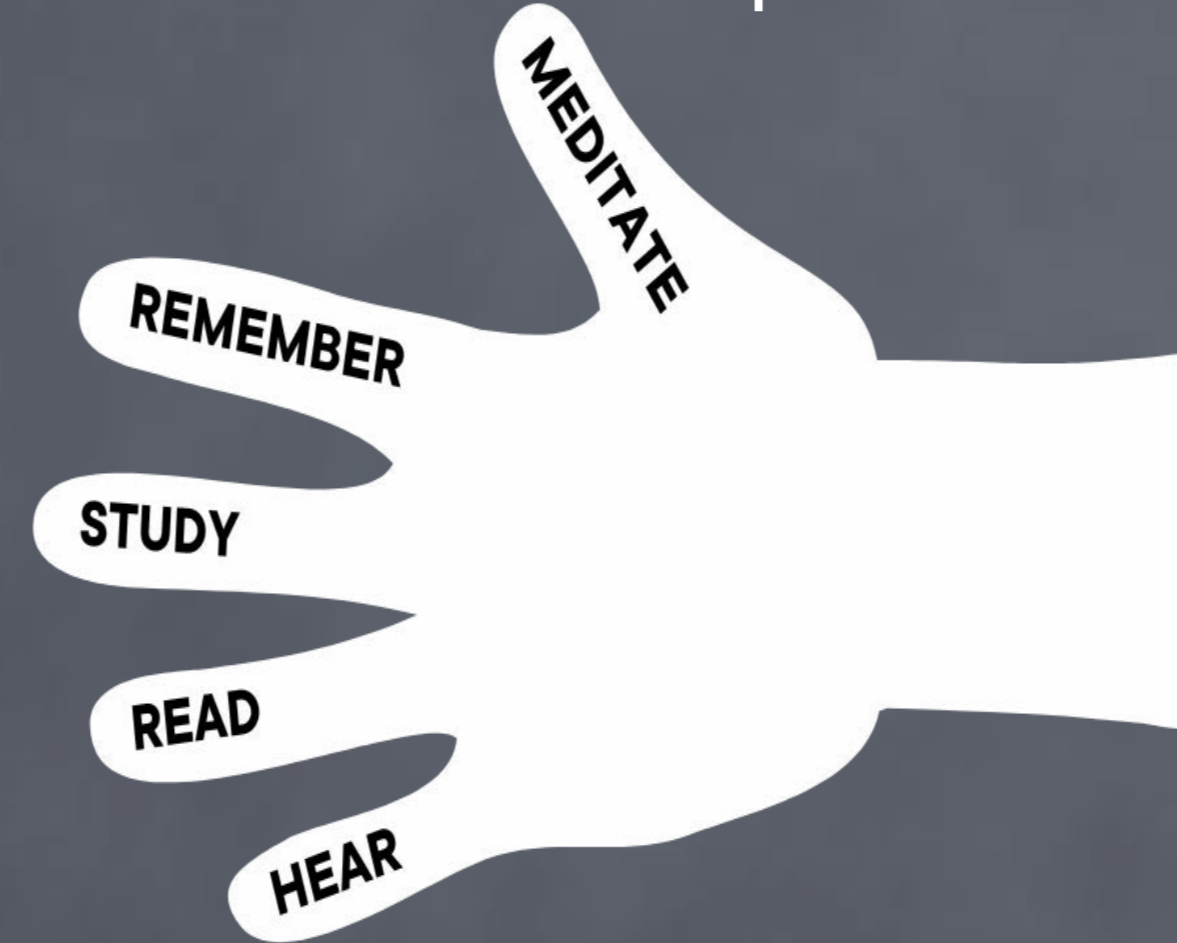
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- To build our Word foundation (*rhema*), we must regularly **partake** of the *logos* of the Word



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- **How** do we partake of the Word of God?



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milk, bread and
meat.



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Milk is meant for us to **experience** aspects of the Grace of God.

Provision

Wisdom

Protection

Strength

Peace

etc.



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Why bread?

Bread is when we are able to **hear God speaking** to us.

Submit to leadership	Words of Knowledge	Be bold for the Lord
Forgive and forget	Honour your parents	Let go of past hurts
Hold on loosely		



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Hebrews 5:14 But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their **senses** exercised to **discern both good and evil**.

**Why
meat?**

Meat is when we are able to **discern** what is good & evil, i.e. what is from God, man or the evil one.



I. **Word**

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3. Develop our **Spirit of Faith**

2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have **the same spirit of faith**, according to what is written, “I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**,” we also **believe** and therefore **speak ...**

This is how we build our **Faith Convictions**



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experienced that the Lord is gracious.**

When we continually **stand** on the Word and
experience God coming through for us,
we build **faith convictions!**



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Experience the Word to develop **Faith Convictions**

	Issues in Life	Faith Convictions
e.g. #1	Needs	God as Provider
e.g. #2	Sickness	God as Healer
e.g. #3	Dangers	God as Protector
e.g. #4	Stress, anxieties and fears	God as Our Peace



I. **Word**

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4. Be **directed** by the Word always

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a **lamp to my feet** and a **light to my path.**

Psalm 19:11; 14

11 Moreover by them Your servant is **warned**, and in keeping them there is **great reward.** **14** Let the **words of my mouth** and the **meditation of my heart** be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.



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E.g. 1 - provision need - depends on sowing/how/
blockages/diligence/faith, etc.

E.g. 2 - protection need - depends on covering/
ground/vigilance/exercising authority as
Priest and King.



I. Word

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing



Continually connect with God

Pray the Word always.
(It's all in the **DETAILS**)



I. Word

II. Pray the Word

III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and
Worship

1. Confidently connect with God

- by the Blood and through Jesus, our High Priest
(Hebrews 10:19-23)
- confess our sins for forgiveness, cleansing, covering
(1 John 1:9)
- declare we are the righteousness of God in Christ
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
- faith and good conscience (1 Timothy 1:19)
- always by faith (Hebrews 11:6)



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2. SAF - Stress - Anxieties - Fears

- To overcome stress, we need strength (**Philippians 4:13**)
- Where does this strength come from?
The Joy of the Lord (**Nehemiah 8:10**)
- Where can we have the Joy of the Lord? In His **Presence**
(**Psalms 16:11**)
- How do we enter His Presence? (**Psalms 100:4-5**)
- By building our altar of thanksgiving, praise and worship!



I. Word

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2. SAF - Stress - Anxieties - Fears



- To overcome anxiety, we are to cast all our cares on the Lord **(1 Peter 5:7)**
- Pray until the peace of God guards our hearts and minds **(Philippians 4:6-7)**
- We are to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts **(Colossians 3:15)**
- So pray continually for the peace of God at all times in all situations **(2 Thessalonians 3:16)**



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- To overcome fear, remember that the Lord is our light and salvation (**Psalm 27:1**)
- What drives away fear? Perfect love (**1 John 4:18**)
- Dwell in the love of God. Find rest (**Psalm 91:1**)
- Fear not. God will uphold you (**Isaiah 41:10**)
- Meditate on the Word and do what it says.
This takes courage, not fear (**Joshua 1:8**)
- The righteous are as bold as a lion (**Proverbs 28:1b**)



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3. When you pray the Word over your life, you secure your whole self (spirit, soul and body) in the Lord **(1 Thessalonians 5:23)**



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4. Healing, health, life, protection

- Protection from injuries/infections/inflammations/infirmities
- Divine doctor appointments - accurate diagnosis - correct treatments
- Terror to enemies - hedge of thorns - protection - wall of fire

3 John 2 Proverbs 3:8; 4:22 Romans 8:11



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5. Other **examples:**

- Prayers in the Epistles
- The Psalms
- The Blessings of Abraham, Moses, etc.





III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

Thanksgiving

What God has **done**

What God has **given**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We invite all baptised believers
to join us in partaking of the
Holy Communion.



GIVE THANKS & PRAISE FOR THE BODILY DEATH OF OUR LORD JESUS

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II. **Pray the Word**

III. **Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship**

Praise

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV) Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a **sacrifice of praise** - **the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.**

**Engage - Enlarge
- Enrich how we praise God!**

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Praise - confess the Names of God

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- The Psalms (**27:1; 91:1**)
- Names of God in **Revelation 2-3**
- 7 Redemptive Names of God in **Psalm 23**
- The I Am's in John's Gospel

III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

- Praise - confess the Names of God

The song - Ancient of Days
All of time in His hands

Daniel 2:21 And He changes the **times and the seasons**;
He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the
wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Today	Tomorrow	Now	Later
Past	Present	Future	Calendar
New Season			



III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

- **Praise** - confess the Names of God

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all His benefits:**

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

4 Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Daily loads us with blessings
(Psalm 68:15)

Blessed with every blessing in Christ
(Ephesians 1:3)

Blessed with every blessing in Abraham
(Galatians 3:21)

Blessed by every blessing of the law
(Matthew 5:18)



III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

- **Worship** - Surrender - Separation

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And do **not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may **prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God**.

III. Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

- **Worship** - Surrender - Separation

- Bind our wills to the Will of God
- Bind our minds to the mind of Christ
- Yield our emotions to the Holy Spirit
 - Present our lives as living sacrifices to God
 - Submit to Jesus as Lord and Master
 - Surrender to the leading of the Holy Spirit

Pray - Portion - Position - Posture - Passion - Perseverance



IV. Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:16, 18, 25

16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

25 If we **live in the Spirit**, let us also **walk/keep in step in the Spirit.**

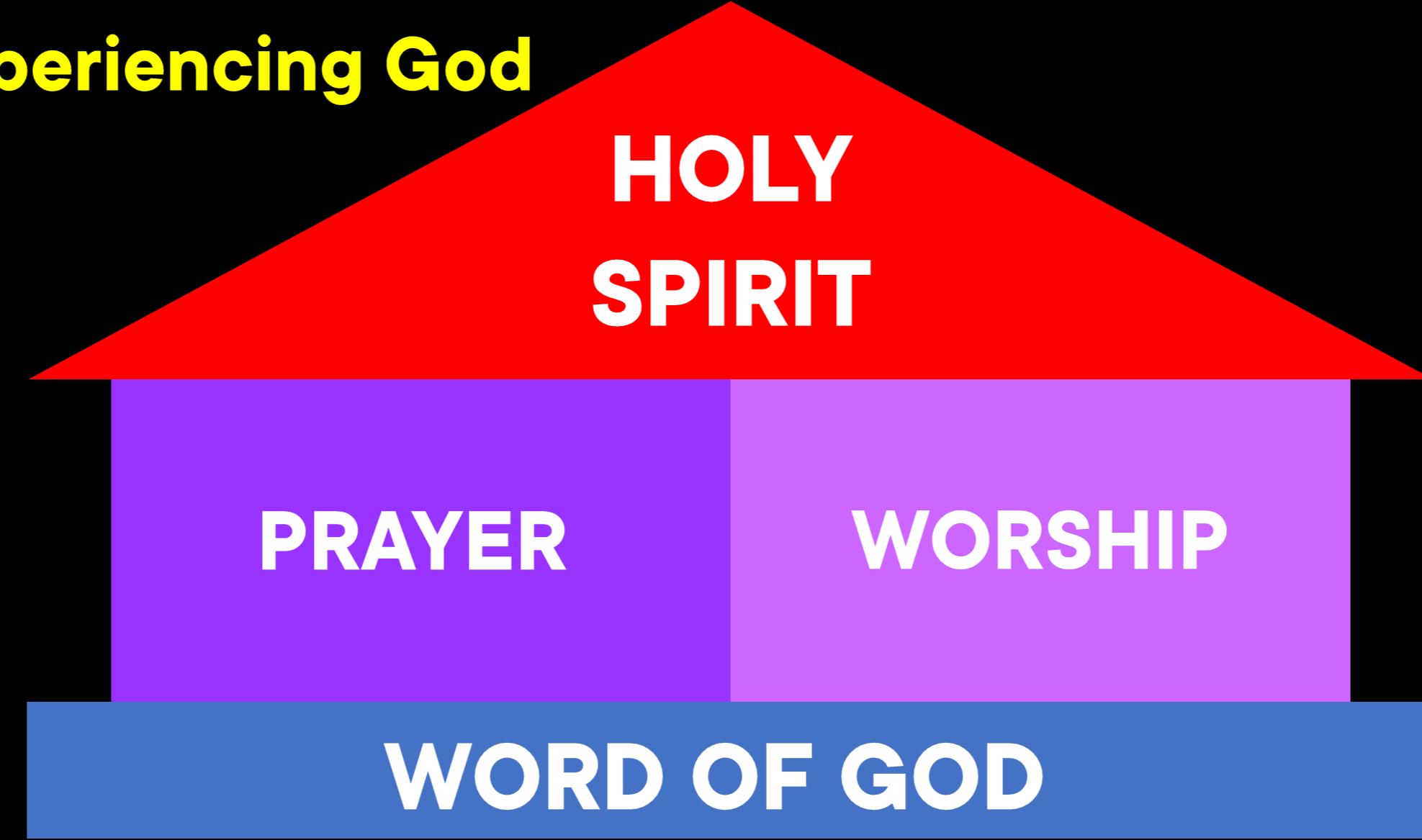
Experiencing God

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

PRAYER

WORSHIP

WORD OF GOD





IV. Holy Spirit

1. He will enable us to experience various aspects of His **grace for our needs.**

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in **all goodness, righteousness, and truth**)



IV. Holy Spirit

2. He will give us increasing **revelation**

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man **the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**”

Isaiah 11:2



IV. Holy Spirit

3. He will enable us and give us **strength/
power/ability**

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, **minister** it to one another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

Romans 1:4



IV. Holy Spirit

4. He will pour the **Father's Love** in to our hearts

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God** has been **poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.

1 John 4:18; Ephesians 3:14-21

BOTTOM-LINE

Jeremiah 2:2; 13

2 “Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “**I remember you**, the **kindness of your youth**, the **love of your betrothal**, When **you went after Me in the wilderness**, in a land not sown.

13 “For **My people** have committed two evils: They have **forsaken Me**, the fountain of living waters, and **hewn themselves cisterns—broken** cisterns that can hold no water.



BOTTOM-LINE

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have **betrothed** you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin **to Christ**. **3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent **deceived** Eve by his craftiness, so **your minds** may be **corrupted** from **the simplicity (of your devotion) that is in Christ**.

Matthew 6:33-L-R

