



Title: The Power of an Encounter

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Introduction

- The term encounter can have multiple meanings depending on the context.
 - We will look at a few tonight biblically.
 - After these encounters these characters, and people were never the same.
 - After an encounter your life is never the same again.
 - This year I'm celebrating being saved for 40 years. The number 40 in the Bible stands for Revival. I got saved in this ministry at the age of 16 years. My first encounter with the power of God was at a prayer meeting in my first year being saved. I heard people speaking in a language I've never heard before. I asked the leader I was sitting next to, "what is that?" - He said that it's praying in tongues. He explained it was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He also told me in a simple way that I could receive it and I said yes I want everything God has to offer. He also told me the devil couldn't understand it. It was like a secret prayer. I said I'm in. My first of many Encounters
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Some definitions of the word

1. Meeting or coming across. Encounters can refer to a meeting or coming across someone or something unexpectedly. It implies a brief or casual interaction with another person or an unexpected event or situation.
2. Also a face to face interaction: encounter can also describe a face to face interaction or engagement with someone or something. It often implies a direct and personal experience or confrontation.
3. Encounter can be used to describe an experience or event that is significant or memorable. It suggests an impactful or meaningful occurrence that leaves an impression or has an effect on someone. Almost like a marking or branding. Marked by God. So overall encounter refers to a meeting, interaction, or experience. Whether it is planned or unexpected.

Let's look at some people in the Bible tonight:

1. Moses
 - a. **Exodus 3:1-9**
2. Isaiah
 - a. **Isaiah 6:1-8**
3. The disciples
 - a. **John 1:35-38**
4. Mary the mother of Jesus
 - a. **Luke 1:26-38**
5. The 120 in the upper room
 - a. **Acts 1:12-13**
 - b. **Acts 2:1-14**
6. Paul
 - a. **Acts 9:1**
7. Timothy
 - a. **Acts 16:1**



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7 things that happen after an encounter with God

1. Encountering God Repositions you on the path he set for you.
 - a. **Psalms 32:8**
 - b. I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.
 2. Encountering God will heal the inner parts of your heart
 - a. **Matthew 11:28**
 3. Encountering God will change the trajectory of your family, and those closest to you and your ministry.
 - a. **Matthew 28:18-20**
 4. Encountering God makes you a greater leader and ambassador.
 - a. **Romans 10:14-17**
 - b. **Acts 4:13**
 5. Encountering God strengthens and affirms the power in you to no longer struggle with sin.
 - a. Repentance → revival.
 - b. **1 John 3:6-7**
 6. Encountering God ushers in a greater desire to build the kingdom.
 - a. **Philippians 4:17-19**
 7. Encountering God establishes a deeper hunger for his presence and glory to exist, in every area of your life.
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