

Creation

You connect with God best when you are in His creation. You feel there is no better place for you to meet with God than in the sanctuary that He has created Himself: nature. You love to be outside. It is in nature that you most easily connect with God's presence, hear His voice, and are moved to worship by the observation of His majesty. You connect with the greatness of God; His grandeur and the expanse of His being as you are immersed in creation. It draws you close and brings biblical concepts to life in a way that cultivates revelation and helps you receive truth. You feel that the sense of awe and peace experienced in nature cannot be replicated in any other setting. Your relationship with God grows in His creation because you see Him in what He has created - whether that is in the fields, mountains, or in people.

Both an orchestra of the earth and perfect silence await you as you connect with God in creation. God may speak to you about His love and character by using nature imagery. For example, "My love for you is greater than the expanse of the ocean" or "I can move the greatest mountain with a word" or "I spoke and everything you see came into existence."

Suggested Activities

- Open up your curtains to see outside during your daily encounters.
- Have a go-to outdoor spot where you can regularly to meet with the Lord alone.
- Try reading your Bible and journaling outside - being in God's creation may help you get more out of your time with God.
- When you feel stressed or overwhelmed, go for a walk outside with the Lord. Speak to Him about what is on your mind and listen for His thoughts.
- As you read your Bible, notice the physical landscape and settings of the story you are reading. Ask God what specific insight and connections He wants to reveal.
- Be present to see the beauty of God's creation in people and in nature.
- Go on a nature retreat or weekend getaway to connect with God.
- Explore new locations, trails, lakes, etc.
- Invite God into your outdoor hobbies and passions (i.e. fishing, hunting, hiking, etc).

Encouragement

Connect with God through creation, but don't let your connection with God be only about an external atmosphere. Instead, posture your heart to encounter God daily. When you prepare your heart and mind to encounter the Holy Spirit and hear His voice, you will be able to encounter Him whether you are in nature or not! Be intentional to find the beauty in what is in front of you.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1-2, Job 38-39, Psalm 8, Psalm 19, Psalm 36:5-9, Psalm 96, Isaiah 40, Romans 1:19-20

BOOKS

Indescribable: Encountering the Glory of God in the Beauty of the Universe by Louie Giglio and Matt Redman