



# Our Stunning God is Living

**What if:** You get on a plane to go on your honeymoon, your brand new spouse is seated right next to you, and you treat him or her as if they were not there—just nonexistent.

- **Tension:** I will confess that I have spent far too much of my spiritual life acting as if the seat next to me were empty—virtually ignoring the God of the universe!

**SET ONE: What is true about people from Acts 17? (A set of billions.)**

- **The Reality:** People have life.

**SET TWO: What is true about idols, gods, small g, from Acts 17? (A set of many.)**

- **The Reality:** Idols are dead.

**SET THREE: What is true about God, big G, from Acts 17? (A set of One.)**

- **The Reality:** God is living. God possesses life as a necessary trait of His being.

**Core Truth:** Our stunning God is living...He actively engages us and walks with us.

**The Big Question:** How do we engage and walk with our living God?

- #1 **Dedicate** yourself to engage Him and walk with our living God.
- #2 **Build** a “system” to follow through faithfully on this commitment.
- #3 **Communicate** with our living God.
- #4 **Spend** time with our living God.
- #5 **Develop** trust with our living God.
- #6 **Wrestle** with our living God like Jacob at Peniel. Genesis 32:24-32.

**Please see this:** Acts 17:28a. “...for in Him we live and move and exist.”

*There is Someone, capital S, in the seat next to you—engage Him!*

# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

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**“The 300 Second Challenge”:** For 300 seconds every day will you commit to pursue God through reflection and prayer around this question:

*“Father what are You saying to me and where are You leading me?”*

The idea is to *know* God and to *draw near* to God and to *experience* God and *submit* to *personal transformation*.

Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas. A spiritual journal would be an excellent way to record your thoughts and prayers:

- **Please read Acts 17:22-31 each day.**
- **Today.** Do you find yourself struggling with faithfully relating to God as the Living Being Who is in the seat right next to you? If so why? If not, why not?
- **Monday.** Have you ever made a specific and intentional commitment to engage God relationally on a regular and faithful basis? If not, would you be willing to do that now?
- **Tuesday.** Have you built a specific, intentional, workable system for pursuing God on a faithful basis? If not would you today?
- **Wednesday.** What are the most meaningful ways that you have communicated with God in the past? Are these still in place for you?
- **Thursday.** What are the most meaningful ways that you have spent time with God in the past? Are these still in place for you?
- **Friday.** What does it mean to you that “in God we live and move and exist?”
- **Saturday.** What would it mean for you to “wrestle with God like Jacob” and hold on to Him with zeal?

*“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You,  
“Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.” Psalm 27:8*

**Note for Connection Groups:** The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: [www.cypressbible.org](http://www.cypressbible.org) and then click on “Get Connected” and the link is on that page.