



Our Stunning God is Here

Listen up!! “The Blind Side”

“You can impress people at a distance but you can only impact them up close.”

Dr. Howard G. Hendricks

Our stunning God is incarnate.

- An **incarnational relationship** is an interpersonal connection style in which we draw near to people, walk with them, care for them, show up for them, and take action for their wellbeing—we are *with them* and *for them*—even in messy times.
- God is with us—**Immanuel**.
- He is in our midst as a **Mentor**.
- He is in our midst as a **Friend**.

Like our stunning God we must live in incarnational relationships.

- Living incarnationally **around the globe**. Trips.
- Living incarnationally **in our networks**. Friendships.

Core Truth: Our stunning God is incarnate...He is with us as our Mentor and Friend. He expects us to live in incarnational relationships—*with them and for them*.

Please imagine this:

- A **daily** incarnational life!
- A **one week** incarnational life around the globe!
- A **life change** for incarnational living!

Please understand this: *“Everyone you know is in a fight. Shallow relationships don’t help.”*

“Walking Papers”

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

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First, will you please commit to the 300 second challenge each day?

“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:

- **Today.** Please read John 1:14. What does it mean that the Word dwelt among us in the first century? What does it mean now?
- **Monday.** Please read 1 John 1:1-4. What are the elements of incarnation—of God being with us—that John highlights in these four verses?
- **Tuesday.** An **incarnational relationship** is an interpersonal connection style in which we draw near to people, walk with them, care for them, show up for them, and take action for their wellbeing—we are *with them* and *for them*—even in messy times.
- **Wednesday.** Please read Mark 3:14. What is the importance of these men being with Jesus before they went out to preach?
- **Thursday.** Please read Mark 3:14. What changed in the lives of these men by being with Jesus?
- **Friday.** Please read Mark 3:14. What are the applications to your life?
- **Saturday.** What is God saying to you regarding living in incarnational relationships? What is He leading you to change in your relationship style?

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