

Growing in a Loving Relationship with God

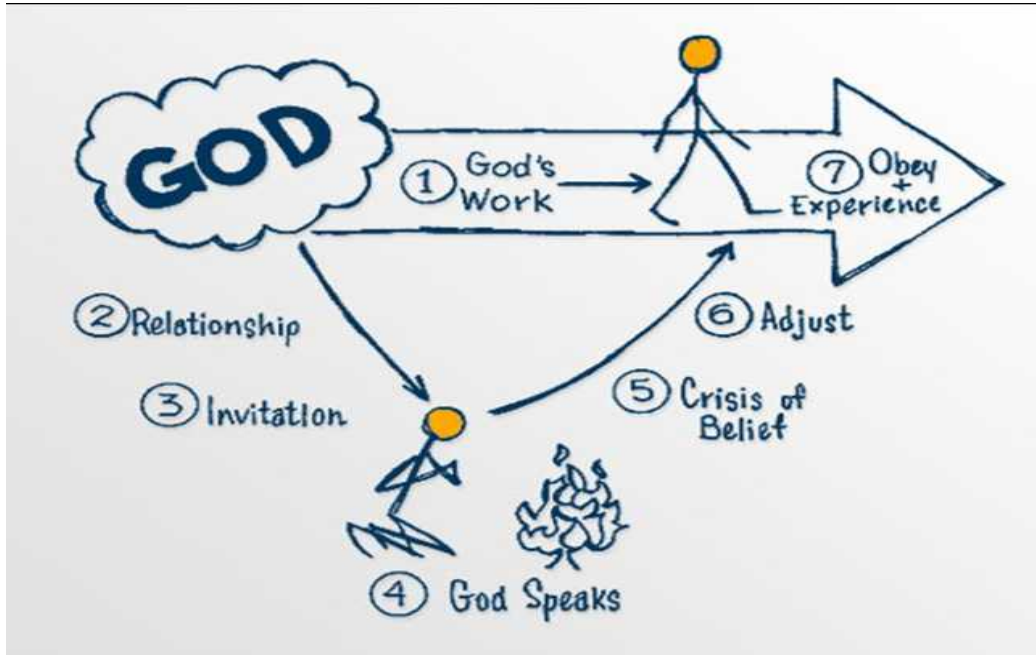
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Four Characteristics of God's Love that I must INTERNALIZE:

1. God's Love _____ Me:
(God _____.)

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God." Rom 3:10-11

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." John 6:44

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:1-5

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..." John 15:16

2. God's Love _____:
(God's Love is Always _____.)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are

more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom 5:8

“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us...” 1 John 3:16

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

3. God’s Love _____:
(God’s Love Moves Me to _____.)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me.” John 14:21

“I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.”
John 14:31

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God’s mercy**, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” Rom 12:1

4. God’s Love _____:
(A Love Relationship that is _____, _____, and _____.)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then** you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

Real: It’s a measurable “transformation”

Personal: Experience a “renewed mind,” repaired from the damage of a broken world.

Practical: “Test and prove God’s will” before a searching world